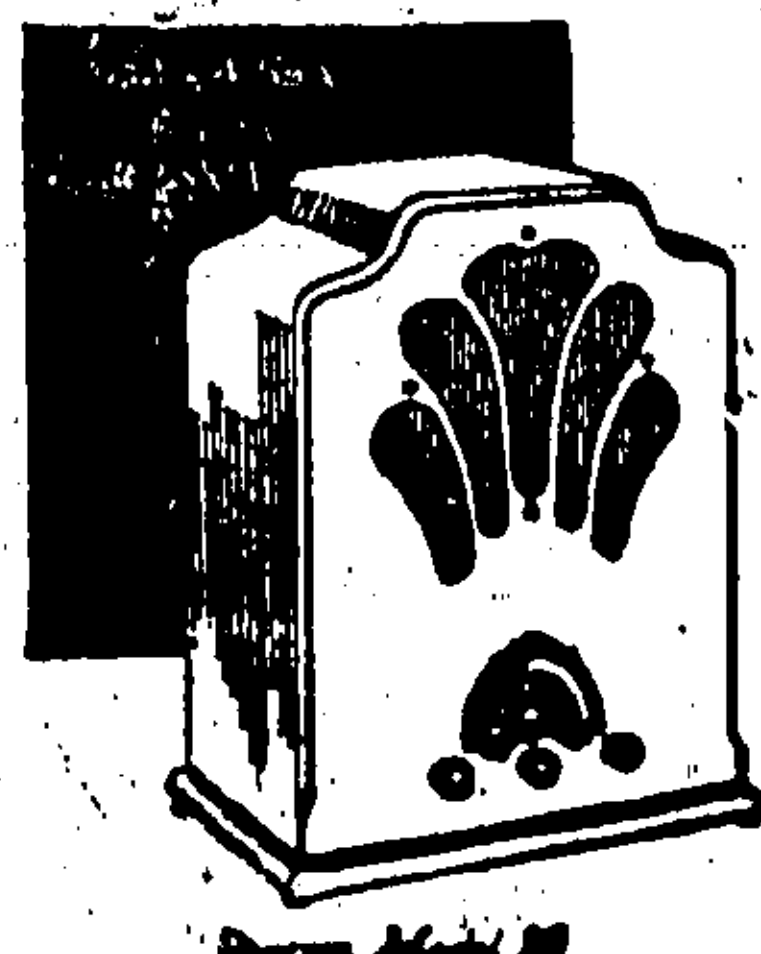




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ALL INDIAN XI DEFEATED

Lose by Innings and
103 Runs.
KENNEDY AND BAILEY
GET CHEAP WICKETS
Arnold Scores 113.

The All-India touring cricket eleven to-day experienced their first defeat when they went down before Hampshire at Southampton by the large margin of an innings and 103 runs.

Batting first on a difficult wicket the visitors met with early disasters and were eventually dismissed for one run above the half century. Kennedy (4 for 15) and Bailey (5 for 24) bowling unchanged. It will be recalled that Bailey gained his county cap last season as the result of good bowling figures against Gloucestershire at Southampton and against Kent at Portsmouth. In the former match he claimed 5 wickets for 51 runs in the first innings and in the latter match he claimed 6 wickets for 73 runs.

Arnold's Fine Effort.

Thanks to a valuable contribution of 113 from Arnold, the young opening batsman, Hampshire were able to total 273, thus setting the Indians back and saving the innings defeat. Though achieving greater success in their second venture the All-Indian eleven found the task beyond them and were dismissed a second time for 119.

Played for England.

Arnold last season established a reputation as a skilful batsman and enjoyed the distinction of playing for England against New Zealand in the first Test match. Though he achieved little of note in this match there is little doubt that he has the makings of an All-England opening batsman. In addition to his batting ability he is an amazingly good outfieldsman.

Full results as cable by Reuter were as follow:—

All India: 51 (Kennedy 4 for 15, Bailey 5 for 24.)
119.

Hampshire: 273 (Arnold 113).

HOME CRICKET SCOREBOARD

At Bath Yorkshire defeated Somersetshire by nine wickets.

Somerset: 78 (Verity 6 for 28) and 94.
Yorkshire: 115 (Hazel 5 for 30) and 58 for one wicket.

At Hastings Sussex defeated Leicestershire by an innings and 93 runs.

Sussex: 273.
Leicester: 88 (Tate 4 for 15, R. S. G. Scott 5 for 43); 92 (Tate 4 for 23).

At Cambridge Nottingham defeated Cambridge University by an innings and 267 runs.

Nottingham: 382 for 6 dec. (Keeton 200 not out).
Cambridge: 34 (Larwood 5 for 15, Voce 5 for 18); 81 (Voce 5 for 30).

KEETON 200 NOT OUT

Larwood Expresses
Unchallenged.
CAMBRIDGE 34

Maurice Tate Captures
Eight Wickets.

London, Yesterday.
Still smarting under their inglorious display against their Red Rose rivals Yorkshire decisively defeated Somerset after only two days' play at Bath. Verity, who is considered as more than a likely candidate for the Australian tour, claimed 6 wickets for just under 5 runs apiece.

Oxford Blue's Success.
Sussex, who had to be content with a draw against Nottingham the week-end, came into their own again at Hastings and routed Leicestershire by an innings and 73 runs. Maurice Tate, who has already shown great form with the ball this season, was again in the limelight, capturing 8 wickets for 38 runs in the course of the match. R. S. G. Scott, the Oxford Blue who took 6 for 64 and 2 for 23 against Cambridge at Lord's last year, proved himself to be a welcome addition to the Sussex attack by taking 5 wickets in the first innings for 43 runs.

Keeton's Double Century.
Cambridge University, who gained such a creditable victory over Middlesex last week-end, fared ingloriously against the Nottingham bowlers and were twice dismissed for only 115 runs. Harold Larwood, the All-England fast bowler, ran through the side in the first innings to return the amazing figures of 5 for 15 out of a total of 34. Voce claimed 5 for 18 and 5 for 30 to give him a bag of ten wickets for 48 runs in the match. Keeton, a young professional of exceptional promise, registered his second three figure innings of the season by scoring 200 not out, the highest individual score to date.

COLONIAL GOVERNORS CHANGE PLACES

SIR REGINALD STUBBS SENT TO CYPRUS

"SPECIAL REASONS" FOR APPOINTMENT.

REPLACED BY SIR R. SLATER

London, Yesterday.

H.M. the King has appointed Sir Reginald Stubbs, at present Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of Jamaica, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Cyprus in succession to Sir Ronald Storrs, whose term of office expires in November.

Sir Reginald Stubbs has had a long and varied experience of Colonial administration. After serving in the Colonial Office from 1900 to 1913 he was Colonial Secretary of Ceylon until 1919 and Governor of Hong Kong from 1919 to 1926, when he was appointed Governor of Jamaica.

In the present circumstances the Governorship of Cyprus has assumed particular importance and it is understood that it was the special wish of the Colonial Secretary that Sir Reginald Stubbs should undertake its administration.

The King has also approved the following appointments:—
Sir Ranford Slater to be Governor-in-Chief of Jamaica.

Sir Ronald Storrs, on the expiration of his term as Governor of Cyprus, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Northern Rhodesia in succession to Sir James Crawford Maxwell, who shortly retires.

Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor of Nyassaland, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Gold Coast.

A TRADE EXHIBITION FOR HONG KONG

AMBITIOUS CHINESE SCHEME IN CONSIDERATION

MOOTED BY MR. LI TSZE-CHUNG

NO DISCRIMINATION TO BE SHOWN.

An ambitious Chinese scheme for a Trade Fair, as the direct result of the Empire Produce Fair, has been placed before the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce by Mr. Li Tsze-chung, manager of the Bank of Canton, Ltd.

When interviewed by a "China Mail" representative, Mr. Lee Wan-kum, Secretary of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, confirmed that such a scheme was mooted, but stated that it was still under consideration.

Mr. Lee Wan-kum indicated that the scheme aims at making the Exhibition one of an international nature, and when asked if Japanese goods would be included among the exhibits Mr. Lee Wan-kum replied without hesitation that they would. There was to be no preference or discrimination.

The scheme as presented by Mr. Li Tsze-chung, he said, was approved by the Chamber in its general outline but there were many details to be gone into and a Sub-Committee had been appointed by the Chamber to consider and report upon them.

Broadly speaking, Mr. Lee Wan-kum said, the scheme suggested to the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce by Mr. Li Tsze-chung calls for a more or less permanent Trade Exhibition for the Colony, and that was where the difficulty arose.

No Discrimination.

The exhibition, Mr. Lee Wan-kum said, would embrace the goods of every country with no preference given to any individual country or discrimination against any country. Under the scheme, he said, any importer of goods from any part of the world, if he wished to exhibit his goods would be afforded every facility to do so.

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"COCA-COLA KING" IN HONG KONG

"U.S. Depression at Lowest Ebb."

THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION Praise of Harbour.

Enthusiastic in his first glimpse of the Orient, Mr. A. P. Pratt, the multi-millionaire "Coca-Cola King," arrived in Hong Kong this morning, accompanied by his wife, per the s.s. Empress of Canada from Seattle, on a pleasure trip. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt will leave for Manila to-day by the same ship.

In an exclusive interview with a "China Mail" representative, Mr. Pratt said that he was of the opinion that the economic depression in the United States had reached its lowest ebb and that conditions would soon be improving.

Regarding the situation in the Far East and in the Philippines, Mr. Pratt said that the true state of affairs was much distorted by the time the news reached America, and that to get at the bottom of things one needed to make a personal visit.

Believes in Hard Work.

Like many other Americans who started business in a small way, Mr. Pratt is a firm believer in hard work. This is his first vacation for many years and to use his own words he "thinks he deserves it," and will continue his trip at leisure, unless recalled to business by an urgent telegram. "Conditions over in America are very bad at present," he said, "but it is the general opinion that we have now reached the bottom of the 'U' and will soon be climbing out of the depression."

"We have been riding too high," he continued, "and were booked for a fall. During our

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ATTACKS ON BRITONS IN CHINA

BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS ANXIOUS

LEGATION NOT TO BE TRANSFERRED.

ACTION ON THE BANDIT MENACE

London, Yesterday.

The frequency of attacks by bandits on British subjects in China and their sudden disappearances are causing the British Government much anxiety, declared Captain R. A. Eden, M.P., Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day.

This statement was made in reply to a question by a Member who referred to the capture of the Rev. Henry Ferguson, of the Flood Relief Commission, by bandits in North Anhui. He asked what action the Government proposed to adopt in the matter.

CAPTURED BY BANDITS.

The Rev. H. Ferguson, who is well-known in missionary circles in Shanghai, is an official of the Flood Relief Commission, under Sir Hope Simpson. He was recently despatched to Anhui to distribute sums of money to sufferers in the flooded areas and was taken prisoner by bandits. His release, without ransom, was announced last week.

The British Vice-Consul at Nan-king, Mr. Graham, who went to his rescue, was fired at by bandits from the bank of a river and received serious injuries.

British Legation.

China was again under discussion in the House of Commons to-day, when a Member asked whether the

Government would consider that economy would be effected by transferring the British Legation, at present at Peking, to the International Settlement in Shanghai, and also dispensing with the Legation Guard.

Captain Eden replied that the transfer of the Legation was not practicable at the present time, nor would it result in any appreciable financial saving.

Ferguson Still Held.

Reports that the Rev. Henry Ferguson, the missionary captured recently by Reds, has been released, are now found to be untrue.

A telegram from Peking to-day says that the reported release is unfounded, and that the Rev. Ferguson is still held, although reliable information says that he is well treated.

Mr. Graham, the British Vice-Consul, was on his way to try to effect Mr. Ferguson's release when he was shot last Sunday.—Reuter.

SIR FRANCIS AGLEN DIES AT 63

OVER 50 YEARS SPENT IN CHINA

London, Yesterday.
Sir Francis Arthur Aglen, G.C.M.G., K.B.E., Inspector-General of Maritime Customs in China from 1911-28, died to-day at his residence, "Burnside," Aylth, Perthshire, Scotland. He was 63 years of age.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S WAR DEBTS TO UNITED STATES

Total Amount Said To Be \$326,200,000

London, Yesterday.
Replying in the House of Commons to a question to-day, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Major W. Elliot, stated that the total British war debt payments to the United States Government to date was \$326,200,000 and the total British receipts from allied war debts and reparations, including the United Kingdom share in the proceeds of the German Government five and a half per cent. loan of 1930, were \$200,762,000.

The deficit, including interest at five per cent. on both sides of the accounts, was about \$200,000,000.—British Wire- less.

ATLANTIC FLIER TO GET £60,000

MISS EARHEART'S REWARD FOR EPIC DASH

LARGE OFFERS BY NEW YORK FINANCIERS.

PROMISES BY OIL FIRMS

London, Yesterday.

Spectacular "lone flights" are still highly profitable adventures, although their novelty is beginning to wane. Sir Alan Cobham, Air Commodore Kingsford-Smith and many other long-distance pioneers were amply rewarded for their flights.

The latest flier to achieve success, Miss Amelia Earheart, is, according to one estimate in aviation circles, likely to receive £60,000 for her brilliant dash across the Atlantic.

It is understood that Miss Earheart was offered substantial trantees by New York financiers before leaving the United States. It is likely that she will also receive large sums from the various manufacturers of oil fuel used on the flight, these concerns always being ready to pay for the publicity given to their products.

Miss Earheart's flight, which was accomplished on May 21 in 19 hours, was from Harbour, Grace, Newfoundland, to Londonderry, Ireland, where she was forced down owing to a leak in the petrol tank.

Fine Performance.

This magnificent performance the first to be achieved by a woman over the Atlantic, ranks for courage with the daring flight made by Miss Amy Johnson from London to Australia last year.

Miss Earheart, who received an enthusiastic reception in England, is to be decorated by President Hoover with the Distinguished Flying Cross on the return to America.

The wife of the well-known American publisher, Mr. George Putnam, of New York, Miss Earheart was the first woman passenger in a trans-Atlantic aeroplane and holds a number of records in the States.

STOP PRESS

BOAT SINKS ON YANGTZE.

Shanghai, May 27.
Radio message received in Shanghai this morning report a shipping disaster in the Yangtze Gorges on Wednesday. The steamer "Hing" was steaming down the River when she struck a rock, 235 miles above Ichang and sank rapidly. The Captain has been rescued, but it is stated that forty people are missing. It is believed, however, that a number of these were swept down the River by current and probably landed lower down the Yangtze. The rock is a well-known obstruction at this point and the steamer "Hing" is being piloted by one of the oldest pilots on the Gorges. The cause of the disaster is so far unknown.—Reuter.

COTTON DELEGATES FOR OTTAWA

Sailing for Conference in June.

London, Yesterday.
Following consultations between the various interests concerned the delegation from the British Cotton Industry is sailing for Canada early in June.

Their conversations will not be governmental in character but the United Kingdom Government will consider any report the delegation may submit.—British Wireless Service.

ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

"THE BLACK CAMEL"

"The Black Camel" now showing at the King's Theatre is a thriller, with the bland Warner Oland again investing the role of Charlie with a conviction, that unquestionably surpasses the previous offering in entertainment and suspense. Once more Charlie makes his calm, unhurried way through a tangled mass of conflicting evidence and false clues to a brilliant conclusion, but a greater degree of unity and speed is maintained in the new picture—due, probably, to the fact that all the action takes place within two or three days and in one locale, instead of being scattered halfway around the world, as in "Charlie Chan Carries On."

Many genuine glimpses of Hawaii's romantic shores and breath-taking beauty spots feature "The Black Camel," most of which was actually filmed in the Islands, and these alone make the picture well worth seeing. Oland's work is even finer than in the earlier film, fine as that was; Bela Lugosi is outstanding as the sinister fortune-teller; Sally Eilers and Robert Young make a lovable pair in the juvenile leads; and Dorothy Revier, Victor Varconi, William Post and many other screen notables round out an exceptional supporting cast. Hamilton MacFadden, who made the former film, has again given a flawless piece of direction on this latest Earl Derr Biggers' story to reach the talkies, as do Barry Connors and Philip Klein, who also directed "Charlie Chan Carries On."

"OH, FOR A MAN!"

Vaudeville patrons of a score of years ago will remember the many sketches written by and starred in by John B. Hymer, of which "The Devil and Tom Walker" was the best remembered one, due to Hymer's continuous salutation to the devil of "Come on, Red."

Retiring from vaudeville, Hymer wrote many stage successes, the most notable of which was "East is West," and more recently he has been a writer for the screen in collaboration with Sam Shipman.

Hymer's offspring, Warren, was educated here and abroad, with his father planning something other than a stage career for the son. Warren emerged from Professor Baker's Workshop at Yale to the speaking stage and eventually to pictures and to Fox Films, where his success has been meteoric. His peak was reached in John Ford's production, "Up the River," and his current role is in Hamilton MacFadden's production, "Oh, For a Man!" coming to the King's Theatre, next Sunday in which he is teamed with Marjorie White as chief supporting of Jeanette MacDonald and Reginald Denny.

"PRIVATE LIVES."

When Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer invaded Broadway and bought its most popular hit of the season, "Private Lives," it certainly must have had a co-starring arrangement for Norma Shearer and Robert Montgomery in mind. For, no two other players in pictures to-day could have done justice to the sparkling Noel Coward play as have this grand team.

They have brought the hilarious farce to the screen almost intact, plus the addition of a scenic scope

the theatre could not hope to achieve. There is no question of the entertainment value of this smart piece as written but the impetus given the story by the clever young farceurs entrusted with the principal roles overshadows even the amazing brilliance of the crackling lines.

Director Sidney Franklin's pictorial quality is not at all lacking, even in sequences that remain long in one locale and with two principal players almost constantly before the camera lens. Although the plot gathers topspeed tempo at the very start, it picks up an astonishing momentum that makes us wonder how Miss Shearer and Montgomery, ever kept up the wild pace and managed to top each situation's swiftness with a fresh outburst of cyclonic energy.

EXCELLENT SUPPORT.

Reginald Denny, Una Merkel and Jean Hersholt are featured in the supporting cast. Denny is the man who actually filmed in the Islands, and these alone make the picture well worth seeing. Oland's work is even finer than in the earlier film, fine as that was; Bela Lugosi is outstanding as the sinister fortune-teller; Sally Eilers and Robert Young make a lovable pair in the juvenile leads; and Dorothy Revier, Victor Varconi, William Post and many other screen notables round out an exceptional supporting cast.

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This picture will open at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

"THE BAD ONE"

"The Bad One" opening at the Star Theatre is entertainment at its very best, with enough of music and drama mixed with its comedy to make it universally liked. It is replete with thrilling episodes, tinged with amusing situations and near the end with a touch of melodrama and near tragedy when the star and her lover are embroiled in a breath-taking prison revolt.

Its action is quite lively, with rare witticisms and a smart dialogue prevalent throughout the length of the production. It is evident that the director, George Fitzmaurice, brought out all the best recognised elements of entertainment into this initial presentation of Miss Del Rio as a talking star.

As the vivacious "Lita" whose duty is divided between humouring her admirers into fatuous advances—for the sake of the wine they drink—and talking them out of those advances at the crucial moment, Miss Del Rio has a role that is even more pulsant and robust than the "Charmaine" she played in "What Price Glory" the first time she teamed with Lowe.

"THE LAST PARADE"

Solid entertainment qualities, combined with a timely and interesting theme, make "The Last Parade," the Columbia picture, now showing at the Central Theatre, an enthralling screen production. From the standpoint of atmosphere, speed and strong dramatic punch this offering registered a hit.

Jack Holt as Cookie Leonard—a role alien to anything he has ever

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

6-8 p.m.—European Programme of Victor & H.M.V. Records.

6-6:25 p.m.—Orchestral. Love's Dream After the Ball (Gambella).

Hush (Douglas), Super-Cinema Orchestra (C1844).

Medley of Chappell Ballads, Jack Hylton & His Orchestra (C1845).

Suite Orientale (Foppy), Marek Weber & His Orchestra (C1845).

6:25-7:23 p.m.—A Concert.

Piano Solo—Impromptu in A Flat (Chopin), (b) Flirtations in a Chinese Garden, Rush Hour in Hong Kong (Chasins), Benno Moisevitich (D1217).

Song—Parted (Tosti), Down the Vale (Moir), Essie Ackland (Contralto) (C1702).

Instrumental—Introduction and Allegro for Harp with Strings and Woodwind, Accompaniment (Ravel), Virtuoso String Quartet with J. Cockrell, R. Murchy and C. Draper (C1692-3).

Song—Star of the East (Loehr), The Garden of Allah (Marshall), Peter Dawson, Bass-Baritone (C1689).

Piano Solo—Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 14 (Liszt), Mark Hambourg (C1661).

7:23-8 p.m.—Variety.

Humorous Song—That Must Have Been Our Walter, River, Stay (Way from My Door, Grace Fields (B3824).

Organ Solo—Valse Mystérieuse (Meale), Souvenir di Valentino (Wood), Arthur Meale (B3080).

Song—Little Boy Blues, A Persian Rosebud, Melville Gideon (Baritone) (B2659).

Piano Solo—Wake Up and Dream—Medley, She's Funny That Way, Carroll Gibbons (B3031).

Song—It's Nothing to do With You, Dream Lover, Grace Fields (Comedienne) (B3055).

Orchestral—The Song of Songs, La Violette, De Groot & His Orchestra (B3808).

8 p.m.—Local Time.

8:03-10:30 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

10:35 p.m.—Close Down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

BANDIT SUPPRESSION.

Chiang Kai-shek to go to Hankow.

Nanking, Yesterday. It has been announced that Chiang Kai-shek will shortly go to Hankow where he will establish his headquarters as C-in-C of the bandit suppression forces in central China. During his absence the Government's military affairs will be in the hands of Gen. Chu Fei-teh. Chiang Kai-shek's crack 87th Division, which fought on the Kiangwan front during the recent Shanghai hostilities, will take over when the 61st Division, now garrisoning Nanking, completes its withdrawal to Fuzhou.—Reuter.

before attempted—proved that he possesses versatility and finished acting ability. Tom Moore scored in the part of Mike Leonard O'Dowd and Constance Cummings made Molly Pearson a charming heroine. Splendid performances are contributed by Robert Ellis, Gaylord Pendleton, Jess De Voraksa and Vivi. Eerie C. Kenton's direction was well handled throughout.

THE FUNG MURDER TRIAL

Free Pardon Promised to Zimmern.

"BREEZE" IN COURT

The case in which Cheng Kwok-yau (20) son of a wealthy Ipoh family, who is charged with the instigation of the murder of George Fung at Village Road on the night of March 24 last, reached its sixth hearing before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon. Interest in the case, was intensified when Edward Zimmern, an important witness for the Crown, gave evidence.

Zimmern, stated to have been employed by the accused as a bodyguard until his arrest with a man named Sydney Christie, spoke of his associations with the accused in the few days preceding the crime.

There was a slight "breeze" in Court, when Mr. R. E. Lindell (Crown Prosecutor), in addressing the Magistrate, stated that whether the case went to the Criminal Sessions or not, the Attorney-General was prepared to give in writing a free pardon to Zimmern if he gave his evidence in a truthful and straight-forward manner.

Council Protesters

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, for the defence, strenuously protested against the Crown's announcement, saying that "this promise of a free pardon, amounting to a certain favour, may have the effect of influencing his evidence and making the witness tell his story in the way the Crown was hoping it would be told."

The Magistrate over-ruled the objection. Mr. Peter Sin watched the proceedings on behalf of Zimmern, while Miss Lai Ming-fay, the girl in the case, was present throughout the hearing.

Zimmern said that he was Hong Kong born, and was 26 years of age, his family address being 14, Arbuthnot Road. He had been held in custody by virtue of a warrant under the Deportation Ordinance since March 31, when he was arrested with S. C. Christie. He first met the accused on March 6 at the S. C. A. China Building.

On March 18, Cheng was desperate, and two days later, he expressed the wish to beat Fung up.

After witness had detailed happenings at the Hotel Nathan, Nathan Road, and how the plot miscarried, the hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

POSTAL STRIKE ENDED

Due to Mediation by Public Leaders.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The postal strike was called off at one o'clock this afternoon and the postal workers resumed their duties immediately.

A Special Committee The speedy termination of the strike was largely the result of mediation on the part of public leaders, enabled by the creation of a special committee to study financial matters regarding the Postal Administration.

The purpose of the special committee will be chiefly to discuss two of the demands of the strikers that hitherto it has been found impossible for the Government to comply with, namely the amalgamation of the Postal Savings and Remittance Bank with the Postal Administration, and the discontinuance of the allowance to aviation companies. A number of prominent public leaders will be invited by the Government to serve on the committee.—Reuter.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, and Peninsula Hotels, and King's Restaurant.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "The Black Camel." Theatre;

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Middle Watch." Theatre;

To-day—Central Theatre; "The Last Parade." Theatre;

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Theatre;

To-day—Star Theatre; "Blackmail." Theatre;

To-day—World Theatre; "Beau Ideal." Theatre;

Home Mails.

Tomorrow—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Bhutan); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Fushimi Mari), 9:30 a.m.

Meetings.

May 28—Extraordinary general meeting of A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd., 11:30 a.m., at Hong Kong Hotel.

June 4—Annual meeting of shareholders of Peak Tramways Co. Ltd., at Hong Kong Hotel, 11:30 a.m.

JUDGES' DISPUTE.

Mr. McCordie Gives Way to Tradition.

London, Yesterday.

Principal Law Officers of the Crown were present in the Appeal Court to-day, when the Master of the Rolls, Sir Ernest Hanworth, as President of the Court referred to the dispute between Lord Justice Scrutton and Mr. Justice McCordie, following a conference with some Judges.

His Lordship, addressing the Attorney General and Solicitor General said he desired to reaffirm the duty of Judges to conform to the old tradition of supplying copies of notes to the Court of Appeal, so that the appeal might be justly and sufficiently heard. He was confident he only had to draw attention to the practice to ensure its maintenance.

The Attorney General replied that the lawyers would hear the statement with great satisfaction.

Dispute Settled.

The McCordie-Scrutton dispute has peacefully ended. Mr. Justice McCordie announced in court this afternoon that he is acceding to the Master of the Rolls request to supply a copy of his notes to the Court of Appeal.—Reuter.

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TEAM GIVES WAR CRY ON THEIR
DEPARTURE FROM SHANGHAI.

MEMORIES OF 1923 GAME

Interviewed by a "China Mail" representa-
 tive on the Empress of Canada early this morning
 Capt. E. J. R. Mitchell, the Hong Kong Cricket cap-
 tain, said: "All that I can say is that the team back-
 ed me up to the hilt, and even when things were go-
 ing badly with us a wonderful spirit prevailed, and
 it was due solely to this magnificent show of deter-
 mination that we were able to bring off what prob-
 ably will rank as one of the most sensational vic-
 tories in the Interport series against Shanghai.
 The younger members of the side came off, and it
 was largely due to A. H. Madar, G. C. Burnett and
 A. R. Minu, all of whom were making their first
 appearance in an Interport game, that we are now
 in possession of the sixteenth Shanghai flag. Minu
 was splendid. He has created a favourable impres-
 sion in the northern port and his success will not be
 early forgotten."

When congratulated upon his
 success in his first year of cap-
 taincy by prominent local crick-
 eters who met the team on their
 arrival back in the Colony this
 morning, Capt. Mitchell expressed
 regret that he had not per-
 sonally been able to contribute
 much in either innings, and very
 modestly waved aside the excuse
 of the weakening effects of in-
 fluenza which was put forward.
 His personality, however, contrib-
 uted more to the success of the
 team than thirty or forty runs
 would have done.

All Look Fit.

The Hong Kong Interport
 Cricket eleven arrived back in
 the Colony early this morning on
 board the Empress of Canada
 which sailed through the har-
 bour with the Shanghai flag float-
 ing in the breeze at the foremast
 in the beneath the Hong Kong flag. All
 the cricketers looked to be in per-
 fect health though it is under-
 stood that W. T. Patterson will
 have to go into hospital to under-
 go a minor operation.

Rain Spills Voyage.

All expressed happy memories
 of their visit to Shanghai and
 were sorry that their visit was
 so brief. The voyage down was
 marred somewhat by rain, but
 calm seas allowed for recreation

R. A. P. C. GAIN EASY
VICTORYBorderers Defeat in
Tennis League.

POSITIONS TO DATE

At Sookunpoo yesterday, the
 Royal Army Medical Corps defeat-
 ed "C" Company, South Wales Bor-
 derers by 7 sets to 2 in the Hong
 Kong Area Tennis League.

Full results were as follows:—
 Col. Wimberley and S.Q.M.S.
 Mathews (R.A.P.C.)—
 beat Pte. Johns and Pte.
 Thomas 6-1
 beat C.Q.M.S. Horn and Cpl.
 Taylor 6-3
 beat Pte. Wensley and Pte.
 Butchers 6-1
 12th R.A. 2 0 2 0

in the gymnasium and the swim-
 ming bath.

Hong Kong "War Cry."
 There was a large crowd of
 well-wishers on the Customs
 Jetty in Shanghai when the team
 left on the tender for the Em-
 press, and the last Shanghai
 heard of the Hong Kong team
 was their "war cry" which they
 produced twice on the Shanghai
 ground with much success. The
 meaning of the "war cry" is un-
 known, the following being the
 lines:—
 Ichalabayo gee
 Ichalabayo gee
 Eta Eta Eta tay
 Eta Eta Eta tay
 Aah ooh!

A 1923 Memory.
 The only other occasion upon
 which this war cry was used was
 in 1923 when "Tam" Pearce took
 a side up to win by three wickets
 after being set 275 runs in the
 fourth innings to win. "Tam"
 Pearce was responsible for 145
 not out, whilst Arthur Rumjahn
 (38) and R. H. Wild (84) contrib-
 uted to the total of 276 for 7
 wickets. It was almost as an
 amazing result as the recent Hong
 Kong success. F. N. Young, who
 was taken up as an opening
 bowler, was responsible for the
 adoption of this "war cry" which
 seems to stun the senses of our
 Shanghai rivals.

Capt. Williams and S.Q.M.S.

Warman (R.A.P.C.)—
 lost to C.Q.M.S. Horn and
 Cpl. Taylor 5-7
 beat Pte. Wensley and Pte.
 Butchers 6-1
 beat Pte. Johns and Pte.
 Thomas 6-3
 S/Sgt. Holt and Sgt. Preslin
 (R.A.P.C.)—
 beat Pte. Wensley and Pte.
 Butchers 6-3
 beat Pte. Johns and Pte.
 Thomas 7-5
 lost to C.Q.M.S. Horn and
 Cpl. Taylor 1-6

TABLE TO DATE

Hong Kong Area.
 P. W. L. Pts.
 R.A.P.C. 8 3 0 3
 Royal Engineers 2 2 0 2
 "B" Co. S.W.B. 3 2 1 2
 "E" Co. S.W.B. 1 0 1 1
 R.A.D.C. 1 0 1 1
 R.A.S.C. 2 1 1 1
 "D" Co. S.W.B. 1 1 1 1
 40th R.E. 1 0 1 0
 R.A.M.C. 1 0 1 0
 "A" Co. S.W.B. 2 0 2 0
 "C" Co. S.W.B. 2 0 2 0
 12th R.A. 2 0 2 0

THE GREAT NORTHERN
PLATEStonetol's Victory By
Three Lengths

London, Yesterday.
 Stonetol (10-1) to-day won
 the Great Northern Plate over
 a mile and a half at York
 when it came home three
 lengths ahead of Armagnac
 (7-1) who in turn beat Lan-
 son (100-6) by eight lengths
 in a field of ten runners.—
 Reuter.

YANKEES DEFEAT
SENATORSLead Increased in
American League.FOXX HITS ANOTHER
HOME RUN

New York, Yesterday.
 The following were the results
 of to-day's Baseball games:—

National League.
 New York 2 Brooklyn 3
 O'Doul and Kelly hit home
 runs.
 Philadelphia 17 Boston 13
 Lee, Hurst, Urb, Hurst, Ur-
 banks and Shiras hit
 home runs.
 Cincinnati 2 Pittsburgh 3

American League.
 Boston 1 Philadelphia 7
 Foxx and Bishop hit home
 runs.
 Washington 0 New York 5
 Gehrig hit a home run.
 Detroit 11 Chicago 2
 The second game between these
 two teams was called off at 1-1
 on account of rain. Johnson
 and Hodapp hit home runs.—Reuter's
 American Service.

TABLES TO DATE

National League.
 P. W. L. age
 Chicago 36 23 13 .638
 Boston 35 22 13 .611
 Cincinnati 40 21 19 .525
 St. Louis 36 17 19 .463
 New York 35 15 18 .454
 Pittsburgh 35 15 18 .454
 Philadelphia 38 16 22 .421
 Brooklyn 37 15 22 .405

American League.
 P. W. L. age
 New York 36 24 9 .727
 Washington 36 22 14 .611
 Detroit 33 19 14 .575
 Chicago 35 18 22 .571
 Philadelphia 35 16 24 .542
 Cleveland 35 16 24 .542
 St. Louis 37 18 19 .488
 Boston 34 16 23 .417

Home Run Leaders.

Jimmie Foxx (Philadelphia Aths.) 13
 Collins (St. Louis) 11
 Billy Terry (New York Giants) 10
 Babe Ruth (New York Yankees) 9
 Klein (New York Giants) 9
 Cochran (Philadelphia Aths.) 8
 Averill (Cleveland Indians) 7
 Gehrig (Detroit Tigers) 7
 Lou Gehrig (New York Yankees) 5
 Byrd (New York Yankees) 4

FANLING GOLF.

Starting Times for
Sunday.

The Secretary of the Royal
 Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the
 following list of starting times
 for Fanling:
 Old Course
 9.24 a.m. C. W. F. Booker, W. C.
 Shields.
 9.25 I. H. Geare, Capt. J. H.
 Anderson.
 9.32 B. D. Evans, A. Sommer-
 folk.
 9.36 N. K. Littlejohn, J. G.
 Campbell.



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A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

Great interest was taken by local residents in the
 Empire Products Fair which was opened by H.E. the
 Honourable Mr. Wilfrid T. Southorn, C.M.G., in the
 Peninsula Hotel on May 23, and continued on Empire Day.
 At the opening ceremony a colourful pageant was presented
 by local girls, representing Britain, Canada, Australia, New
 Zealand, South Africa, India, China, Hong Kong and the
 New Territories. Fifteen thousand people attended the
 Fair, setting a new record figure for any assembly in the
 Colony. A full report of the Fair, together with an exclu-
 sive interview with H.E. regarding the function, is published
 in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Hong Kong won the thirtieth Interport Cricket match
 at Shanghai on May 24, by 42 runs, after a very anxious
 period had been reached. Shanghai led by 23 runs on the
 first innings, and in their second knock Hong Kong had lost
 seven wickets for 53 runs, when A. H. Madar and G. C.
 Burnett pulled the game out of the fire by a partnership of
 79 runs for the eighth wicket. Madar made 59, the biggest
 score of the match, while Burnett scored 29. In their
 second innings, Shanghai could do little against the attack
 of Minu, who captured six wickets for 49 runs. He also
 bowled well for the first innings, claiming four wickets. A
 detailed account of the match is published in the
 OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

On the evening of Empire Day, the Hon. Sir Henry
 Pollock, K.C., gave an interesting radio talk on the remark-
 able progress of the Colony since April, 1888. Sir Henry
 spoke of the founding of the University, the expansion of
 Kowloon, the discovery of the malarial mosquito, the dis-
 covery and adoption of wireless and the increase in hospital
 accommodation. His lecture is reported in the OVERLAND
 CHINA MAIL.

The Shing-Mun water scheme was discussed at a meet-
 ing of the Legislative Council on May 19, when H.E. the
 Officer Administering the Government gave assurance that
 the Government was in entire agreement with the Unofficial
 members with regard to the necessity of immediately com-
 mencing work on the second section of the scheme. A full
 report of the discussion is printed in the OVERLAND CHINA
 MAIL.

There was an enthusiastic gathering at the Peninsula
 Hotel on the night of May 24, when an inauguration dinner
 was held of the three new units of the Hong Kong Volunteer
 Defence Corps—The Anti-Aircraft Light Automatic Corps;
 the Army Service Cadre, and the Anzac Company. H.E.
 the G.O.C. and Commodore Walker were the guests of
 honour. A report of the function is given in the
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FIELD FLOOD AND RING

By Athole

William Henry Lockwood, whose death, after a long illness, was announced on April 27, at his home near Nottingham, was by general consent coupled with Tom Richardson as the best of all fast bowlers, and it is pleasant to recall that he was rewarded with every honour a cricketer can receive.

He played in twelve matches for England against Australia, and was the outstanding hero of more than one of them, taking seven wickets for 71 in the Oval Test match of 1899, and at Lord's in 1893 he clean bowled Lyons and Giffen at the very start of the Australian innings. Giffen talked for the rest of his life about the ball that dismissed him.

P. F. Warner has said that it would have bowled anybody in the world, and it was a characteristic delivery—a break-back, quick as an arrow from the bow, pitching four inches outside the off stump and uprooting the leg stump. Sometimes he varied his fast ball with a deadly slow one, which, utterly deceiving batsman after batsman, has been the envy of all fast bowlers ever since, and none has been able to reproduce it.

Even W. G. Grace dreaded Lockwood's slow ball. When the "G.O.M." was asked which contemporary fast bowler he liked to bat against least of all he answered, "The faster they bowl the better I like 'em."

Lockwood's Feats.

Lockwood's mastery as a bowler did not depend on the state of the wicket. Rain or shine made no odds. In 1902 he took eleven wickets for 76 on a fast wicket in the Manchester Test match. In the previous year at Lord's the Gentlemen were 206 for one against the Players, with Ranji and Fry well set, but they were all out an hour later for 272, and Lockwood took five wickets.

One of the best performances of his career occurred at the Oval in 1891, when he took four Warwickshire wickets with consecutive balls. During his career he took over 1,600 wickets and scored 10,668 runs, which included sixteen centuries for Surrey.

Lockwood retired from first-class cricket in 1904, but he had a link with the present generation in the fact that at one time he and Wilfred Rhodes were the two leading bowlers in the land.

He was born in 1868 and at 18 was given a trial for Notts. Unable to gain a permanent place in the eleven he joined Surrey, for whom he played for fifteen years from 1889. He was not only a bowler but an all-rounder. Surrey had unique riches in those days, for Lockwood, the volatile-natured, and Tom Richardson, the quiet one, shared the attack.

What would the county give for two such fast bowlers in the eleven at the same time to-day?

Hard Court Championships.

The women's doubles in the hard court championships of Great Britain was concluded at Bournemouth on May 1, when rain again caused delay. The unfinished semi-final, in which Mrs. L. A. Godfree and Miss G. R. Sterry led Mrs. R. Mathieu and Miss V. H. Montgomery by 4-3 in the rubber set, was quickly completed, the first-named pair winning by 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

In the final Mrs. E. F. Whittington and Miss Betty Nuthall beat Mrs. Godfree and Miss Sterry 2-6, 7-5, 6-3. Mrs. Godfree and Miss Sterry got to 5-4 in the second set after being 2-4, and they led 3-2 in the third. Miss Nuthall was in excellent form, serving well and volleying with great effect. Mrs. Whittington, though brilliant at times, was variable in her play, particularly in the first set.

Mrs. Godfree played splendidly. She was good at the net, and her partnership was admirable. Her partner was steady, but weakened a little in the closing stages.

Schoolboy Golfers.

Although football and cricket in their respective seasons are considered to be the most important games for public school boys, masters no longer discourage pupils from taking up golf during the vacation. The rapid development of the boys' golf championship is evidence of the growing tolerance towards schoolboy golf. Highgate School's annual golf meeting was held on the Hadley Wood Club's course, near Barnet, on May 3, when the boys played in a stroke competition, followed by a match against the masters.

Merlin's Tennis Title.

Andre Merlin, the young French player, who has just won the Italian lawn tennis championship at Milan, defeating G. P. Hughes in the final, is a protégé of Henri Cochet, upon whom he has modelled his strokes.

One of the fleetest-footed players on the Continent, Merlin makes a speciality of recovering lobs that most men would give up as lost. Still under 20, his future is particularly bright, since he has plenty of self-confidence and an easy, effortless style. He has improved nearly 15 since last year.

Indian Golfer.

Among the competitors at Hadley Wood Club's green was Hardi Singh Mahi, the only golfer from India ever to play in the Varsity match. He got his Blue for Oxford in 1914, and played again at Hoyalake in 1921, when foursomes were just introduced.

Another competitor is the Hon. Mr. W. G. Brownlow, the son of Lord Lurgan, who two years ago was on the point of being congratulated as the winner of the trophy when Bobby Jones returned a great 68 for the second round.

Two members of the Walker Cup team T. A. Torrance, the probable captain, and Rex Hartley—competed for the Gold Vase, one of the principal medal tournaments in British amateur golf, at Woking on May 2.

Torrance is said to be sorely in need of practice, having played only two rounds in five weeks. Six years ago Torrance tied with Tolley for the Vase at 147, the same score as that which won the trophy for W. A. Murray at West Hill last year. Murray, unfortunately, is now rarely seen in first-class events.

M.C.C. & Lunch Interval Problem.

An interesting query arises in connection with the experiment that is being made by many of the counties to alter the hours of play of cricket, so as to get an evening game.

To effect this the luncheon interval is being done away with, and the six hours' play is interrupted solely by a short adjournment for tea. The M.C.C. have just furnished the counties with rules altered to date, and it is noted that the regulation is still in force that the luncheon interval shall be forty minutes.

The question therefore arises under what rule the counties propose to dispense with the luncheon interval. There is no provision for such a change in the new regulations.

Hobbs Again.

When Hobbs, with Sandham, left the pavilion to open Surrey's innings against Worcestershire at the Oval on April 30, he cast a quick knowing glance at the giant red gasometer, whose imminent presence is such an encouragement to batsmen on this historic ground. Well, if none of his seven boundaries actually hit the gasometer, one or two of them landed not far away, and, at any rate, at the age of 50, Hobbs showed that he is still a cricket master.

He had, too, the immense satisfaction of seeing his new captain, D. E. Jardine, score a brilliant century in the first county match of the season. Clearly, Jardine will be one of the players to watch in the coming few months, for he is already regarded as the most likely man to lead England against Australia next winter.

CHECKING UP ON BOXING TITLES

U.S.A. Holding Most Championships.

The Congress of the International Boxing Union opened in Geneva on May 9, with German, Austrian, Spanish, French, Italian, Dutch and Swiss Boxing Federations participating.

The Assembly revised the various champion titles, and proclaimed champions of Europe, for bantam weight, the Italian, Bernasconi; for featherweight, the Spaniard, Girones; for lightweight, Van Cleveran of Holland; for welterweight, the Belgian, Roth; for categories of flyweight, lightweight, middleweight, Ara of Spain. The categories of flyweight, lightweight and heavyweight were declared vacant.

The following world champions were further proclaimed—Flyweight, Young Perez (France); Bantam, Al Brown (United States); Lightweight, Canzonieri (United States); Welterweight, Jack Field (United States); Middleweight, Gorilla Jones (United States).

Featherweight, lightweight and heavyweight categories remain vacant.

The assembly elected M. Collard into the presidency of the International Boxing Union.

CARNERA BEATS GERMAN CHAMPION

Fight Stopped in Third Round.

Over 7,000 persons gathered recently at the San Siro stadium, to attend the boxing match between the Italian heavyweight, Primo Carnera, and the German champion, Schoenrath.

Carnera was in his usual good form, and belaboured his opponent with a hail of his deadly blows, until, in the third round the match was interrupted on account of the manifest inferiority of the German boxer. Primo Carnera was enthusiastically applauded.

Carnera's weight before the match was 260 lbs. and his opponent's 205 lbs.

THE NEW CRICKET HOURS

Travelling Teams Difficulties.

WIDESPREAD TRIAL

Now that the Advisory Cricket Committee have given permission for the various counties to arrange their particular hours of play—provided that these allow of six hours' cricket on each of the first two days and nearly as much on the third—it is matter for satisfaction that the new departure should be given a widespread trial.

Already arrangements have been made to experiment in the matter of late starts—and consequently of late drawing of stumps—in Derbyshire, Warwickshire, Glamorgan, Northamptonshire, and Leicestershire (and at Chelmsford), and the hour for play to commence varies from noon and half-past twelve to a quarter past one and half-past one. Curiously enough, the idea makes no appeal to Yorkshire, with a population so largely industrial, and Sussex have declared against it, while, after experience of 1919, substantial support from the Metropolitan counties will certainly furnish matter for surprise.

The Sunday Times in commenting on these hours says professional cricketers, assuming that the extension of play to half-past seven is justified by a handsome increase in the receipts of their clubs, will doubtless acquiesce in the new departure, but there are sure to be murmurs against an arrangement which practically compels the taking of lunch at noon and allows of no other substantial meal until something like half-past eight in the evening. The player, unless his side are fielding all day, will, no doubt, have the chance of getting something to eat when so inclined, but no relief is possible for the umpire, who has to present himself on the ground half an hour before the start on the opening day and an hour before play begins on the second day.

Furthermore, travelling teams may, in these days, find some difficulty in getting dinner served them at a late hour—at any rate without extra charge. The ground staff, too, at enclosures where many wickets have to be prepared, may need additional payment. Furthermore, the admission to witness two or

"BOX THEM ALL IN ONE NIGHT"

Sensational Challenge by Dave Forbes.

Writing to Elky Clark, The Evening News boxing critic, Dave Forbes, Glasgow, the ex-Cruiser-Weight Champion of Scotland, makes a sensational offer.

Forbes wants to fight all the cruisers and all the heavy-weights in "Scotland in the same ring, and on the same night."

"Regarding the title I recently resigned," he writes, "and for which I could not get a fight, I am moved by the sudden appearance on the scene of alleged talent to make the following offer:—

"I will box all the Scottish cruiser-weights and heavy-weights on one evening, on the 'One down, one come on' principle, providing one of our promoters puts up a decent purse."

"Of course I am now a heavy-weight, and would not require to weigh-in."

Likely Names. In connection with this sensational offer, it is worth while pointing out that the Scottish Boxing Board of Control, advertised for contenders for the 12st 7 lb. championship recently given up by Forbes, and among those who are likely to put their names forward are Tug Wilson, Hamilton; Tommy Sloan, Glasgow; Steve McCall, Aberdeen; and John Kerr, Hamilton, who, not long ago, returned from a spell of fighting in America.

The only heavyweight in Scotland of note at the moment is the reigning Champion, Bob by Shields, who has already beaten Forbes.

Attempts have been made to find reigning Champion, Bobby Shields, but up to now they have been unavailing.

There is no doubt that if Forbes's challenge is taken up there would be a lot of interest in the meeting.

Three hours' cricket towards the end of the day obviously must not be so large as the charge for the full day. Doubtless these questions can be dealt with satisfactorily, but cricket countries trying the late start will be well-advised to be ready for some troubles—even if these prove to be of a minor quality.

Heavy Strain On Players

Bowlers Deprived Of Advantage

Financial Troubles

"The financial troubles of county cricket have been such in recent times that anyone who has inside knowledge of the conditions would hesitate to write anything which might be construed as taking the side of the player against the public," writes a County Cricketer in the Daily Telegraph.

I have always held that the general public—without whose support county cricket cannot go on—has not been considered enough, and in several ways could be better catered for. At the same time, I am firmly convinced that the sporting public would not like to see anything done that would constitute a real hardship to the players.

I find among my colleagues in my own county, as well as players of other sides, a feeling of concern over the light-hearted manner in which counties are agreeing to play hours which will provide cricket for an evening game. Worcestershire, Glamorgan, Northants, and Derbyshire, to mention a few, are counties that are attempting to play from 1.30 p.m. without a luncheon interval as frequently as they can get the visiting sides to agree.

Ordeal for Fielders. This means two three-hour stretches with one interval of fifteen or thirty minutes for tea. Are these hours fair to the players? They are, of course, all right for the batting side, but for the fielding side on a hot day when the wicket is plumb and the outfield hard as iron, the strain of doing six hours straight off is going to be very heavy indeed.

But I would emphasise another aspect which as far as I can gather seems to have been completely overlooked by the counties who want to play these hours. For years those whose duty it is to legislate for the game have been trying to find ways and means of assisting the bowler without materially changing the game.

The changes they have made are well known, and there is no need for me to reiterate them. But it is of the utmost importance that it should

be realised that if these hours are allowed the bowler will be deprived of one of his greatest advantages in breaking up big partnerships.

When two batsmen are set the fielding side looks to two events with hope. One is the arrival of a new ball at 200 or 400, and the other is an interval. Imagine the uproar there would have been had the authorities rescinded the new ball regulation. Yet any bowler will tell you that an interval (particularly the luncheon interval—which is the one to disappear) is the most frequent cause of a wicket falling. A three-quarter of an hour's break is sufficient to put the batsman's eye "out," and long enough to give the bowlers a substantial rest.

Will Gates Justify Changes? As a batsman I have always feared the luncheon interval, when "set," more than any new ball or change of bowling. I am quite sure that the majority of batsmen will agree with me in this. It is therefore this very considerable advantage which is to be cast aside, and for what?

Obviously one would think it would be for a very considerable counter-advantage; but actually an evening game even in the industrial towns of the Midlands and the North is a very doubtful quantity. Some years ago first-class cricket was played until 7.30 p.m., but there were no evening games of any magnitude.

Therefore it is questionable whether counties will receive any material financial benefit from playing until 7.30. However, finances are so bad that almost anything is worth a trial, and I am quite willing, as I am sure all players are, to undergo personal inconvenience for the sake of bettering the position.

This can be done, however, without doing away with an interval. My own county has proposed for the match against Warwickshire at Chelmsford the following schedule: 12.30 to 2 o'clock; 2.45 to 5 o'clock, and 5.15 to 7.30. I note that Warwickshire is suggesting similar hours for the matches at Edgbaston.

ATHLETIC MEET POSTPONED

Shanghai Sports.

The first large track and field meet of the season will be commenced at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, at the Pioneer Field, sponsored by the Navy Y.M.C.A. Final arrangements were made at the meeting of representatives held at the Foreign "Y" on May 17, and the postponement of the meet for a period of two weeks ensured the entry of all six teams.

As until quite recently only the U.S. Marines and the American School lads have been training, the other entries, the Navy "Y," Chinese "Y," Foreign "Y," and the 31st U.S. Infantry, requested the postponement in order to enable their athletes to get into form.

The meet promises to be one of the most successful and close competition is expected, although the U.S. Marines are at present given the edge over the other entries. According to Lieut. Riggins, Athletic Officer of the 31st U.S. Infantry, some fine athletes will represent the army team and the Marine spirit merchants will have to move fast if they want to walk off with the honours. The Chinese Y.M.C.A. is quite an unknown quantity and may spring a few surprises.

The Navy and Foreign "Y" have got very much material available. However, the Navy Y.M.C.A. may enter some American naval men of the boats in harbour. The Foreign "Y," although entering a very small team, is assured at least of a few points in the field events being represented by Max Krumer and Willie Walcott. The Navy "Y" will have a very strong team, and at very most, not more than three entries per event, each team, as the running, throwing and lifting events, and the field events, will be considered.

WEST HAM PARTING WITH PLAYERS

Mr. E. S. King Explains the Club's Decision.

West Ham F.C. have given free transfers to ten of their players, among whom are Hurton, Stanley Earle, Phillips, Wade and Cox.

"There is nothing extraordinary in what we have done," said Mr. E. S. King, the secretary, recently. "The position is that in shaping plans and arranging our forces for the future we have decided that we cannot keep every one of the 23 players we had on our staff. We are loath to lose old friends, but there it is."

"No man is leaving because of disagreement, or dissension. West Ham have done everything possible. We do not ask for a penny for any of the players we have not engaged. They are free to go where they please and we wish them every possible luck."

"Hurton has been with us seasons and he has had two benefits. Stanley Earle also has received benefit, and we are pleased that both have interests apart from football. The fact that each of the players we feel we cannot afford to retain has been granted a free transfer is proof of the friendliness of our relations."

Hurton and Earle have played England. Ever since he went West Ham in the year before the war, Hurton has been regarded as one of the best goalkeepers in the game. Earle had already won highest distinction as an amateur with Clapton before joining West Ham as a professional.

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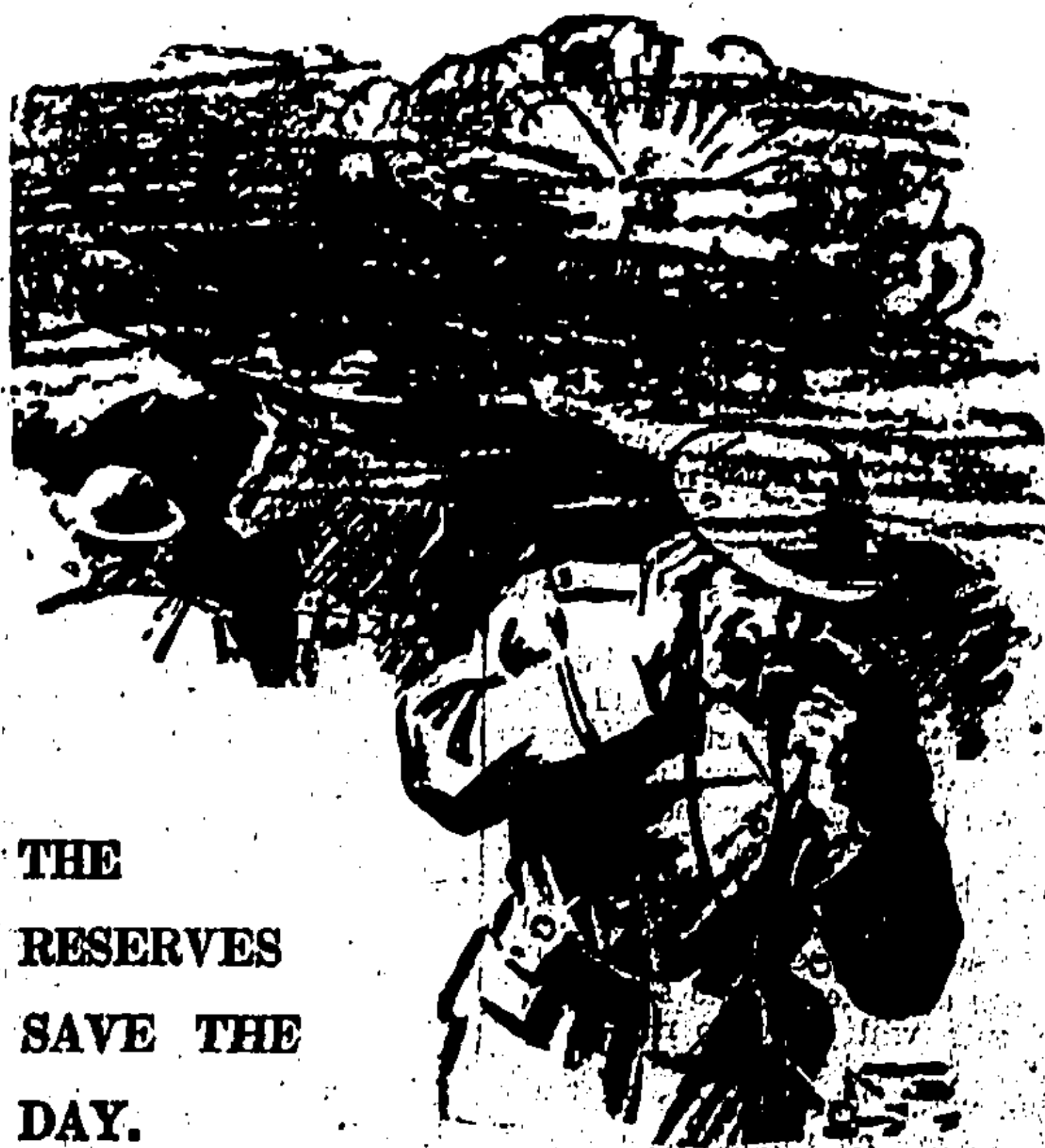
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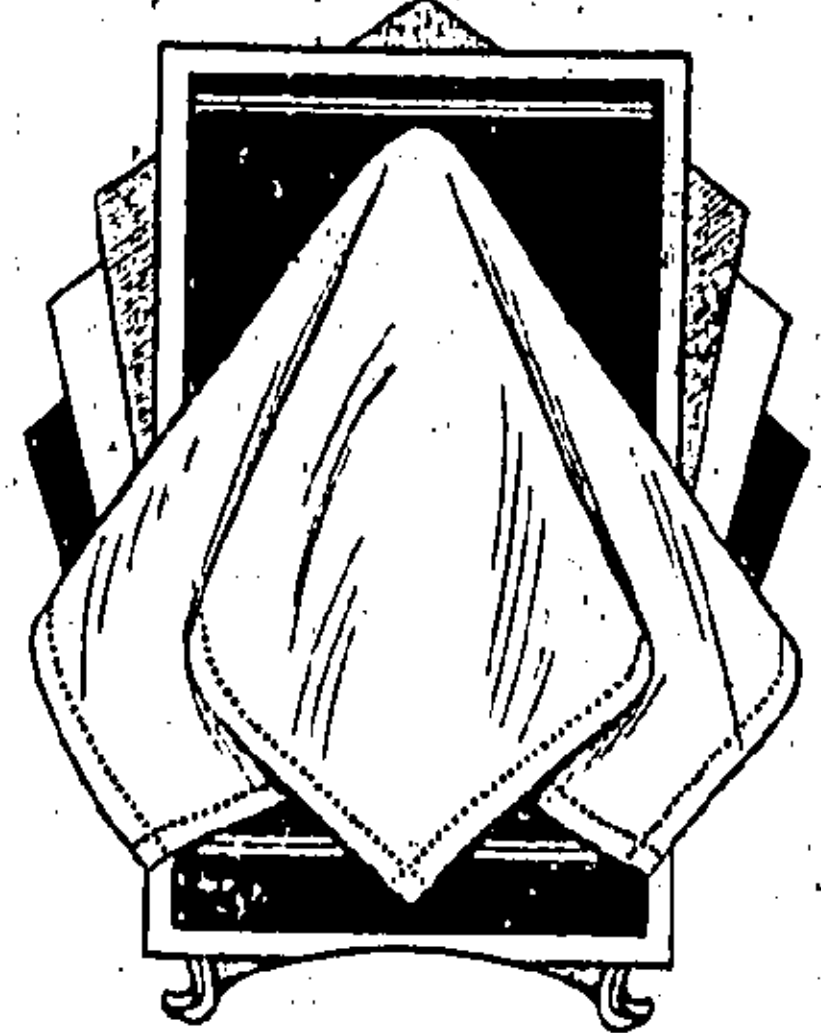
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MEN'S OUTFITTING DEPT.

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The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Friday, May 27, 1932.

Germany's Plight.

The outbreak of fighting which occurred in the Prussian Diet yesterday focusses attention once again on the political situation in Germany. At a time when the whole economic and financial structure of Germany is threatened with collapse politics are engaging the keen interest of all the people, and feeling between the various factions is extremely bitter. Germany might well be said to be now at the crossroads and the whole future of the nation—and indirectly that of Europe—depends on the nature of the choice that will have to be made shortly by the Germans between Fascism and a sound, ordered Government. The issue as it at present exists has almost disrupted the country and the disgraceful scene in the Diet can be directly attributed to the present impasse, caused by the result of the general elections recently when the Government party was defeated. No clear result was obtained, however, and the Nazis, although the biggest party were a few seats short of a majority. The small Communists' representation holds the balance of power and it was for this reason (and the bitter hatred of each for the other) that the violent scene occurred in the Diet. It must be said for the 150 Nazis, "who rose as one man and threw out the Communist Deputies," that the accusation that they had several murderers in their ranks provided them with considerable provocation. But the outbreaks between the Reds and the Nazis are so frequent and serious that the scene might well have occurred without the excuse of provocation. The stalemate existing in the Prussian Diet is unfortunate for the country as no definite or progressive programme can be carried out with a minority Government ruling the principal part of Germany.

The people will soon have to choose definitely between Hitler and the Moderates, and the issue is a grave one which might quite conceivably plunge the world into war if the wrong decision is made. Hitler, defiant though he is, cannot be condemned at first sight as the very boldness of his programme might lead to a solution of the many

intricate and pressing European problems. Germany is crushed by the load of war debts and reparations, and while most nations are now sympathetic with her plight, nothing constructive can be accomplished in the matter owing to the uncompromising and unyielding attitude of France. The Lausanne Conference may see something achieved but recent happenings have created a pessimistic outlook in many quarters on all Conferences. If politicians and statesmen cannot apply a remedy the threat of some forcible action by the indignant and desperate youth of Germany grows, and the "Hitler Menace" becomes more real and actual. Whether Hitler in power would be a menace is a matter for controversy, although the bulk of opinion leans to the view that he is too much of an extremist. His powers as an orator are undoubted but he has never been tested as a statesman and the experiment would be a risky one.

If it were established that he possessed the capabilities of Mussolini and were competent to emulate Il Duce, Hitler would have been elected before now. As it is his advance has been phenomenal, and many opine that his defeat by President Hindenburg was due more to the latter's personal popularity than to any dislike of Hitler's programme. The Nazi leader offers the only gleam of hope visible to most of the despairing youth of the country, and if some alternative hope is not provided that youth, it will not be long before the Nazis attain power. The issue lies not only with the German voters but with the statesmen of the nations who will meet shortly to determine the fate of Germany by deciding the war debts issue.

CONTRACTS RESCINDED

Italian Firms Repay \$61,015
To Portuguese Government

London, March 7.

The contracts undertaken by Italian firms to build for the Portuguese Navy two submarines and an aircraft-carrier have been rescinded, owing to the fact that the Portuguese Government has declined to pay for the work in gold. The contracts had specified settlement in sterling.

A cheque for \$61,015, representing the two instalments paid in advance by Portugal, plus 10 per cent for rescinding the contracts, has been remitted by the firms concerned.

It is understood that the contracts are to be offered again for open competition.

MA RETREATS TO TETU

Japanese Troops in Pursuit.

SOVIET INTENTIONS ON THE C. E. R.

Harbin, To-day.
According to Japanese sources General Ma Chan-shan, after his recent defeat west of Harbin and Hulan, has gone to Tatu, near Taiheho. His forces are retreating north and west, and are being pursued by Japanese cavalry and aeroplanes.

The Japanese garrison at Tsitsihar is now marching north toward Hallun to join in the pursuit.

For the first time in weeks, communication between Harbin and Suifenho is again possible.

It is reported that the Soviet plan to ship still more railway material to Russia has been upset by the police at Manchuli yesterday, holding up a train carrying water-pipes and general railway material and refusing it to enter Russian territory.

It is reported here that M. Rudy, the manager of the C.E.R., is shortly proceeding to Moscow.—Reuter.

Harbin, Yesterday.
One Russian refugee, the sole survivor of a family, who hardly knows how he escaped the horror, says that the bandits killed his father and mother by shooting and then murdered his wife, son and daughter by smashing them about the head with the butt-ends of their rifles.

Dozens of unfortunate women have been seized, raped and killed. Terrible stories of atrocities are related. One gang of bandits took two men and tied them between two bent trees, which when released took the men into halves. Other refugees declare that the circumstances in which they fled to Harbin are too ghastly to describe.

The inhabitants of the disturbed areas are pouring out with all possible speed, every train moving along the line being invaded by terror-stricken people seeking to escape the terrible fate of many of their relatives and friends.—Reuter.

Personal Pars.

Mr. Kwa Eng-lee, a merchant connected with the Swatow Lace Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, returned to the Colony to-day by the President Madison. He has been to Manila on business.

Mr. Frank Dewison, an engineer in the employ of the A.P.C., returned to Hong Kong to-day by the President Madison from Manila, where he has been on business in connection with his firm.

The forthcoming marriages are announced of Dr. Murdo Nicolson, of the War Memorial Hospital, and Victoria Katherine Alexandra Larsen, of California, en route to the Colony on the a.s. President Garfield; and of Walter Harold Wallond, naval architect, living at the Peak Hotel, and Agnes Mary Dorothy Josephine Weiss, of the Helena May Institute.

Mr. Colam Mustafa, Chief Indian Warder, who has just retired on pension after 36 years' service, was the guest of honour yesterday at a party given by a number of his friends to wish him health and happiness in his retirement. Glowing tributes were paid by Inspector Fazal Ahmed of the Police, and Mr. Sirdar Khan, Indian Interpreter at the Water Police Station.

A Trade Exhibition For Hong Kong

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China, of course, would have a permanent place at the Exhibition where her produce will be on view, and the produce of the New Territories will also be permanently exhibited.

Difficulty of Scheme.
Returning to the subject of the difficulty of putting such a scheme into execution, Mr. Lee Wan-kum said that the thing which called for most consideration was the suggestion of making the Exhibition permanent.

It was difficult enough, Mr. Lee Wan-kum said, to find a suitable venue for a 2-day Empire Produce Fair, but that was easy when compared with the problem placed before the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce of

sponsoring a permanent Exhibition in which the goods of every country are to be included.

Will Give Filipp to Trade.
A building of no small dimension, he thought, would be required to house such an Exhibition, and then there was the question of suitable locality, etc., to be considered. It was altogether a tremendous thing for the Chamber of Commerce to organise and would require considerable layout of money, but there was no doubt that such an Exhibition would in the long run repay the money spent on it by the filipp it would give to trade in the Colony in general which would benefit importers, exporters and retail dealers alike.

PHILIPPAR VICTIMS FEARED LOST

Fruitless Search on African Coast.

Paris, Yesterday.
The Italian Government has informed the owners of the Messageries Maritimes that the searches made by their warships along the coast of Italian Somaliland for survivors of the Georges Philippar have proved fruitless.

Little hope is now entertained that any of the 49 survivors have been picked up by native craft.—Reuter.

TREATIES WITH BRITAIN

Most-Favoured Nation Clause.

NOT TO BE MODIFIED OR ENDED

Ottawa May Affect the Policy.

London, Yesterday.

In reply to a Parliamentary question it was stated in the House of Commons to-day that it was not the present intention of the Government to take any general action to end or modify the existing "most favoured-nation" clause treaties, but the policy in regard to the existing relations with any one country would naturally be determined by the course of any negotiations with that country which the Government might be in a position to undertake after the Ottawa Conference.—British Wireless Service.

COLONIAL GOVERNORS CHANGE PLACES

(Continued from Page 1.)

Major Winthrop Young, Counsellor to the High Commissioner for Iraq, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Nyasaland Protectorate.

Sir Stuart Spencer Davis, Treasurer of Palestine, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Saint Helena.—British Wireless Service.

Many Changes.
London, Yesterday.

Several new appointments in Colonial-Governorships are announced. They include Sir Reginald Stubbs, a former Governor of Hong Kong, who is succeeding Sir Ronald Storrs, former Governor of Jerusalem, who will be transferred to North Rhodesia in succession to Sir James Maxwell, who is shortly retiring from the Service.

Sir Shenton Thomas will proceed to the Gold Coast in succession to Sir Ransford Slater, who is succeeding Sir Reginald Stubbs.

Major Hubert Young will succeed Sir Shenton Thomas. Sir Stuart Davis, Treasurer of Palestine, will go to St. Helena.

By Special Request.
Special interest attaches to the appointment of Sir Reginald Stubbs to Cyprus as in the present circumstances the Governorship of Cyprus has assumed particular importance and, it is understood, it is the special wish of the Secretary of State that Sir Reginald should undertake the administration of the Island.—Reuter.

GIANT ENGINE FOR SOVIET

To Be Built in Britain.

FOR USE ON SIBERIAN RAILWAY

Biggest Ever Built in Europe.

London, Yesterday.
An enormous railway locomotive for use on the main line to Moscow and later on the Siberian route, is to be built by a British firm for the U.S.S.R.

The Moscow Government have ordered from this British firm what practically amounts to two locomotives combined, with one boiler.

Ready for Winter.
The engine will have 28 coupled and bogie wheels and will be shipped to Leningrad for introduction on the main line service to Moscow for the coming Winter.

Afterwards the locomotive will be used on the Trans-Siberian Railway. It will be the biggest engine ever built in Europe and will weigh 260 tons.—Reuter.

"COCA-COLA KINGS" IN HONG KONG

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prosperity, or imagined prosperity, we have been spending a dollar where we should have spent a quarter, and this is the result.

Conditions of the Atlantic coast are worse than those on the Pacific coast, and Southern California was the last place to feel the pinch.

Shanghai Trouble.
"It is difficult to say what the re-action was in America in regard to the Sino-Japanese trouble. The true state of affairs was far different to the account we had in America. That was immediately evident to me when I reached Shanghai," he said.

"In America the people were surprised at the action taken by the Japanese, but the foreign opinion in Shanghai is that the Japanese did the right thing by stepping in when they did."

Mr. Pratt declined to give his full opinion on the question of the independence of the Philippines but intimated that he thought it would be the death-knell to trade in the Islands if the independence were gained.

"To my mind, the Filipinos are not yet in a position to govern their Islands, and independence will result in taxes being imposed on exports to America which will kill their trade," he said.

To commence their present trip, Mr. and Mrs. Pratt motored from their home in Beverly Hill to Seattle, a distance of 1,300 miles, in three days in order to catch a Canadian Pacific liner.

"That proves the esteem we have for Canadian ships," Mrs. Pratt smiled.

Speaking of Hong Kong, both Mr. and Mrs. Pratt expressed their delight at their first impressions.

Charmed by Harbour.
"Your harbour is the prettiest sight I have seen," said Mr. Pratt. "I was up at daylight this morning to see the entrance, and in spite of all the admiration I had heard concerning it, I was not prepared for such a magnificent sight. Once inside, I was reminded of the harbour at Wellington, New Zealand."

"I have always been an admirer of the British, particularly in respect of their Colonies," he continued. "America can do well to take a leaf from her book, and there is no doubt that we too copy many of her ways."

The sampan people were a source of great interest to Mr. Pratt, who during his stay in the Colony proposes to take 2,000 feet of film, mainly of native life, while Mrs. Pratt expressed a desire to reside for a year in the Colony to make a study of the native ways of living.

Mr. Pratt is well-known in America as the manufacturer of America's famous beverage, Coca-Cola. He started in the business in 1900 in a small way, the factory in its infancy, having an annual output of about 80,000 gallons. Now the annual output is 30,000,000 gallons annually.

News in Brief.

No cases of notifiable diseases occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ending yesterday, according to the daily returns received by the Medical Officer of Health.

WAR MINISTRY DECLINED

Appointments in Japanese Cabinet.

Tokyo, Yesterday. It has been decided that General Hayashi having declined the War Ministry, will be appointed Director of Military Education in succession to General Muto, who resigned, taking the technical responsibility for the participation of military cadets in the outrages on May 15.

Count Kodama will be appointed Governor General of Formosa in succession to Mr. Minami who has entered the Cabinet as Minister for Communications.

Naval Promotions.

Lieut-General Yoshiyuki Kawashima has been appointed Commander-in-Chief in Korea in succession to General Senjuro Hayashi.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

General Hayashi has declined to enter the Cabinet; consequently General Araki has agreed to retain the War Ministry.

The newly formed Japanese cabinet was formally installed this afternoon.

IS GRETA GARBO GOING HOME?

A Threat She Has Made Before.

"Miss Greta Garbo, surely the most discussed young woman in the world, is once more reported to be going back to Sweden," writes Campbell Dixon in the Daily Telegraph.

Some add that she is going to marry a young Swedish business man. The young man himself, who surely ought to know, recently said that he could not imagine Miss Garbo marrying anyone. But possibly he is as much in the dark as everyone else.

Miss Garbo has threatened to go home so often that the latest rumour, based on her visits to a Swedish vessel in San Francisco harbour, must be treated with reserve.

Whenever Miss Garbo was asked by her producers to do a picture she did not like she would say, "I think I go home now," and disappear into her dressing-room.

Whenever she was asked to play opposite a player she did not like, or agree to some publicity "stunt" she considered undignified, or postponed an increase in salary, she never became hysterical, like certain other stars; she would merely shrug and observe indifferently, "I think I go home now."

Whereupon terrified executives would instantly surrender.

Dislike of Hollywood.

I do not for a moment suggest that Miss Garbo bluffs. A strange and lonely girl, she avoids parties and sightseers so carefully that many distinguished visitors spend a year in Hollywood without seeing her. Most of her leisure she spends lying in the sun on the roof—dodging the photographers who wait in trees or fly overhead in "planes"—and tramping about in an old sweater and beret with a couple of dogs. Her dislike of Hollywood is no doubt genuine, and she makes no secret of the fact that she is staying only to make enough money to retire on.

As she has been getting about \$1,800 a week for a long time, and spends perhaps \$50 a week, it may be true that she has already saved \$300,000. Unlike most of the stars, she has never gambled in the stock market. With the thriftiness and caution of her Swedish bourgeois ancestors, she keeps her money in the bank, where she can get at it.

Miss Garbo's contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is up. If she decides not to renew it, even at an increase—which she is practically sure to be offered, as her recent films have all been big money-makers—it will be the heaviest blow of the kind Hollywood has ever suffered.

FIVE YEAR PLAN IN DIFFICULTIES

Moscow, May 6.

The official statistics reveal that difficulties opposing the development of the Soviet industry, in conformity with the estimates of the Five-Year Plan, are growing up. The lack of qualified workmen makes itself vividly felt, and the productiveness is very inadequate.

HON. MR. BELL DISCUSSES CUSTOMS TARIFFS

DETRIMENTAL TO TRADE AND BUSINESS

FREER CARGOES THE WAY TO PROSPERITY.

LOCAL INSURANCE MEETINGS

Reference to the British Government's continual building up of an elaborate system of customs tariffs, was made by the Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell (Chairman), at the annual ordinary meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, which, together with its affiliated companies, the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., and the British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., was held in the Board Room of the Union Building this morning.

An extraordinary general meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., was also held for the purpose of allotting the reserve fund to the unpaid capital, which amounted to \$1,600,000. The proposal was carried.

The Chairman was supported by Messrs J. Owen-Hughes, T. A. Mitchell, J. A. Plummer and J. P. Warren (Directors) and Mr. Paul Lander (General Manager).

The Gold Standard.

The outstanding event of last year was the departure of Great Britain from the gold standard but it was not possible accurately to gauge the effect this momentous decision might have upon Underwriting Accounts last year. It was very difficult for him to elaborate on the existing disturbed financial conditions.

In order to support possibly efficient but very expensive system, Governments were continually building up an elaborate system of customs tariffs. It was to be hoped that the various Governments would order their finances in such a way as to enable them to abandon or reduce many of these high tariffs which, in the opinion of many, were a hindrance to trade and acted detrimentally upon business. It seemed to him that the free and unrestricted movement of cargo, if such a thing were possible, would go a long way to resuscitate the fortunes of the world.

Toll on Underwriting

For the last two years his predecessors in the chair had referred to the heavy toll on marine underwriting accounts caused by fire and last year was no exception to the rule, but the fire loss record was better than in 1930.

The Chairman referred to the disastrous earthquake in New Zealand, and the abnormal flooding of the Yangtze river in China, stating that they caused widespread loss. Much of the damage was to property of an uninsurable nature, and the Society was not involved in losses to any extent.

Their Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account showed an increase of \$135,538. 19. 10d. The Working Account of 1930 was running off favourably and there was little doubt that it would leave a good profit.

Praise for Staff

He added that they would appreciate that the success of the Society and its affiliated companies was dependent upon the support it received from the merchants. The figures spoke well for the excellent work done by the Society's staff in all parts of the world. He tendered his hearty congratulations to the General Manager and his staff for such good results.

Since they had last met they had learned, with regret, of the death of Mr. Arthur Macgowan, a director of Messrs. Bradley & Co. which took place in England last month. He had served on the Society's board and on the boards of some of its affiliated companies, and he was a most valued business friend.

Shareholders Present

The following shareholders were present:—The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shepton, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Messrs G. S. Archbutt, J. W. Alabaster, Frank Austin, John Bentley, C. Bewley Bird, J. W. C. Bonnar, J. D. Butcher, B. M. C. da Cunha, J. D. Danby, J. D. Dalziel, E. A. Dastur, W. H. S. Dent, W. B. Flanagan, J. M. Gordon, Ho Kom Tong, A. W. Hughes, C. C. Knight, W. R. Mansfield, J. Ormiston, G. H.

Potts, L. G. Ribeiro, O. F. Ribeiro, V. R. V. Ribeiro, M. A. R. Souza, V. F. Soares, A. Stevenson, D. V. Stevenson and H. C. B. Way.

Sound Position.

Mr. A. Stephenson, in seconding the proposal said the Society appears as usual to be in a very sound position being able to pay the usual dividend besides making all necessary provisions in the matter of Reserves.

I feel sure that all Shareholders will join me in an expression of appreciation to our General Manager and Staff for the ability and loyal services displayed in these hard and trying times. The past year has again been under a cloud of troubles such as the unsettled state of trade and the money market in general, the Indian unrest and last but not perhaps not least—the Sino-Japanese conflict so close to our doors; with regard to the latter, it would appear that peace is not far distant.

It is a fact that a Society such as ours is very dependent on trade conditions and in consequence we very earnestly hope for peaceful and more prosperous times with a free movement of all classes of goods and produce. Our Chairman refers to the Customs tariffs as applied in most countries with a tone of regret. Free trade is the ideal if all countries would similarly open their doors but that, I fear, is too much to expect.

Last year Mr. Grayburn stated "To a mere Banker an Insurance Company's account is difficult to analyse," if a Banker finds it so what must it be to a mere Agriculturist? The suggested prospective change in the formula of the Balance Sheet appears to be a good one since it will provide detail of a more readily understandable nature to the layman.

It is distinctly bad luck that our Chairman has to report a third year in succession a heavy toll by fire loss on Marine Underwriting Accounts including such examples as the loss of the s.s. Segovia and the motor vessel Bermuda the total value of which ran into hundreds of thousands of dollars. Aneant the Fire Insurance business we should be pleased to note that the Fire Loss record was better than that of 1930 but with regrettable incidents in New Zealand, the Philippine Islands and Japan. The figures in the Accounts appear to be very satisfactory and the conservatism as is shown in the conversion of different monies is to be commended. The increased sum of \$135,538. 19. 10. as shown in the Exchange and Fluctuation Account should appeal to all of us as an admirable result.

There is a pessimistic expression with regard to the premium income but we must try and remember that history repeats itself or that there is invariably a calm after a storm. We would that we could have the optimism of the late Capt. Dollar as per his remarks in a speech he recently made. We pin our faith in the able management of our Society by the senior and responsible men and we have most satisfaction in the knowledge that there are several young men with the ability to fill senior posts when the time is opportune.

We associate ourselves with your remarks, Mr. Chairman, in the sad loss of the late Mr. A. Macgowan whom most of us knew well. I conclude with best wishes for more prosperous times.

CHINA FIRE, LTD.

The Chairman said:—This extraordinary General Meeting has been summoned for the purpose of passing resolutions calling up the unpaid Capital of the Company.

The Capital of the Company at present consists of 20,000 shares of the nominal value of \$100 each, of which \$20 per share has been paid up.

Your Directors have given the business and financial affairs of your Company their careful consideration and they have come to the conclusion that it is in the interests of the Company to call up the unpaid Capital amounting to \$1,600,000.

It is proposed that this sum shall be taken from the undivided profits of the Company and that the Extra Reserve Fund, which today consists of \$100,000 and \$100,000, shall be utilised for this purpose. If this sum however is insufficient it is proposed to take the balance from the Re-insurance Fund.

It is proposed to make a call of \$80 per Share and to meet this call by the declaration of a special Dividend of the same amount. Under our Articles of Association it is necessary to give 14 days' notice of the call and it is therefore proposed to make the call due on June 13 next.

I now have the pleasure to propose the following Resolution:—

That it is desirable to capitalise a sum of \$1,600,000 being part of the undivided profit of the Company standing to the credit of the Extra Reserve Fund and for that purpose:—

(a) Should the Hong Kong Dollar equivalent of the Extra Reserve Fund on June 13, 1932, be not of the value of \$1,600,000 then there shall be transferred from the Re-insurance Fund to the Extra Reserve Fund such a sum as will with the amount now standing to the credit of the Extra Reserve Fund make up the sum of \$1,600,000.

(b) A call of \$80 per share is hereby made on the Shareholders of the Company appearing on the Register of Shareholders on May 27, 1932, and such call shall be payable on June 13, 1932, to the General Manager at the Registered Office of the Company.

(c) That for the purpose of paying the aforesaid call of \$80 per share a special dividend of \$80 per share is hereby declared payable on June 13, 1932, and that such special dividend be applied on behalf of the Shareholders by the Directors in satisfaction of the call of \$80 per share.

The resolution was carried.

BRITISH TRADERS' LTD.

The Chairman said:—The Working Account for the year 1930 after payment of an Interim Dividend of 5s. per Share and a Bonus of 20 per cent. to Contributors, shows a balance of \$72,246.0.7.

Your Directors recommend that a Final Dividend of 4s. per share be paid to Shareholders, absorbing \$19,200, that \$25,000 be added to the Reserve Fund, increasing that Fund from \$175,000 to \$200,000, and that the balance of \$28,046.0.7 be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account. It is estimated that this balance will be sufficient to meet all further claims on the year's account.

The balance of Working Account for the year 1931 stands at \$131,492.3.5. Your Directors recommend the payment of an Interim Dividend of 5s. per Share, absorbing \$24,000, that a Bonus of 20 per cent. be paid to Contributors of business on Bonus terms, absorbing about \$5,000, and that the remainder be carried forward.

Extraordinary Meeting.

The Chairman said:—The Working Account for the year 1930 shows a balance of \$532,975.21. Your Directors recommend that a Final Dividend of \$9 per share, a Bonus Dividend of 9s. per share, and an Exchange Bonus Dividend of \$7 per share be paid to Shareholders, absorbing \$440,000, and that the balance of \$92,975.21 be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account, to close the Account for the year 1930. The Balance at credit of the 1931 Working Account is \$1,327,410.5.7. Of this balance your Directors recommend the payment of an Interim Dividend of \$9 per share, absorbing \$60,000, and that the remainder be carried forward.

VALOUR OF 19TH ARMY

Plea for Their Retention in Shanghai.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Recalling the valour displayed by the Nineteenth Army during the recent Sino-Japanese hostilities, the Federation of National Salvation Associations of Shanghai has petitioned the Military Council urging that the army be retained for the Shanghai-Nanking area instead of sending it to Fukien.

"As long as enemy troops are permitted to remain in the Shanghai and Woosung area, how can this Army be removed to Fukien?" it says. "On behalf of 3,000,000 people in Shanghai, we request an order for its transfer to be rescinded, as the very existence of the nation is at stake."—Reuter.

CHICAGO GANGS £50,000 A YEAR

Alleged Hold-Ups and Kidnappings.

The Chicago police believe that twenty persons they have arrested recently are members of a gang which has been responsible in recent months for thirty-three bank robberies and numerous kidnappings in various Middle West States. It is said that the gang has accumulated in that way \$50,000 in the course of a year.

The majority of the prisoners, including two girls 20 years of age, were caught in a raid upon an evil resort on Chicago Heights on April 23. Four others were arrested at Lafayette, Indiana, in what is believed to be the gang's chief hiding-place.

The gangsters have been charged with stealing and kidnapping in the States of Indiana, Wisconsin, and Illinois. It is believed that they planned their depredations in their Chicago Heights headquarters. Fourteen of the prisoners were paraded before persons who had suffered from robberies or kidnappings, and several of them were identified as having been connected with various crimes.

James Barton, who, with his brother, Joseph Barton, is declared to have led the gang, was stated by the Chief of Police of Hartford City, Indiana, to be one of the men who held up the Citizens State Bank, Hartford City, last October, and escaped with \$2,000. Mr. Howard Woolverton, a wealthy manufacturer from South Bend, Indiana, believed another of the prisoners to have been a member of a gang which kidnapped him last Autumn and held him to ransom for \$10,000.

Other kidnapping victims, who paid from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for their liberty, also scrutinised the captives.

MAGISTRATES IN TROUBLE

Chinkiang, May 8. Two district magistrates of Kiangsu are now being detained here by the Provincial Authorities on charges of corruption in their respective administrations.

Pang Kuo-yen, magistrate of Phsien, and Hung Fu-yuan, magistrate of Fowning, both in Northern Kiangsu, were summoned to the Kiangsu provincial capital recently when suspicions were aroused as to the integrity of their administrations. Upon their arrival, they were taken into custody by the local Bureau of Public Safety.

absorbing \$60,000, and that the remainder be carried forward. As was to have been anticipated the Accounts before you have been considerably affected by Exchange which has been responsible for unavoidable fluctuations.

With regard to the Dividend and Bonuses recommended you will recall you were warned at the last Annual Meeting that a continuance of the Exchange Bonus Dividend would depend on the position of Exchange and further that it was inevitable that there would be variations in the amount of this particular distribution. You will see from the Report before you that the Exchange Bonus Dividend recommended is at the rate of \$7 as compared with \$14 per share last year.



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COMPANY MEETINGS

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 4th June, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1932.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 30th day of May to SATURDAY, the 4th day of June, 1932, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hong Kong, 23rd May, 1932.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.

NO LATE CARS will run after 12.05 on the night of FRIDAY, 27th instant.
Hong Kong, May 27, 1932.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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From LEITH, MIDDLESBRO', ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of The Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd June, 1932, will be subject to rent. All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 16th June, 1932, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 1st June, 1932, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by:
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. LTD., Agents.
Hong Kong, 26th May, 1932.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Fenina to sell by Public Auction

ON
MONDAY, May 30, 1932, commencing at 10 a.m., at her premises, Gloucester Arcade 41, A Quantity of Dresses, Gowns, Hats, etc., and also few pieces of Shop Fixtures.
(Removal Sale).
On View from Sunday, May 29, 1932.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, May 27, 1932.

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Hong Kong, May 27, 1932.

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Hong Kong, May 27, 1932.

SPORTS NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 28th May, 1932, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including Tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for payment of all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Box in advance. Telephone 21920.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 including Tax, for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted Half Price.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Actg. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 23rd May, 1932.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on MONDAY, 30th May, 1932, at 5.30 p.m. ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,
S. A. SLEAP,
Actg. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 16th May, 1932.



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STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for February, 1932. (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follows:—

May	Sunrise	Sunset
27	5.40	7.01
28	5.39	7.02
29	5.39	7.02
30	5.39	7.02
31	5.39	7.02

Legislative Council Meeting

Expenditure Of \$75,700 Approved For Kai Tak

Completion Of Hangar This Year

First Reading Of Pensions Bill

The expenditure of a further sum of \$75,700 on the Kai Tak aerodrome and hangar was approved at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, the Hon. Colonial Secretary moving the motion. It was intimated that the completion of the hangar would be effected this year.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the first reading of a bill dealing with the pensions, allowances and gratuities granted to Government servants, and gave an outline of the contents of the bill.

A number of other bills were read for the second and third time to become law.

Kai Tak Expenditure Vote.
In moving—that Council approves of the expenditure of a further sum of \$75,700 on the Kai Tak aerodrome and hangar during the financial year ending 1932, which sum shall be met by a future loan and shall meanwhile be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony, the Hon. Colonial Secretary said:—

"The Resolution standing in my name is in connection with the aerodrome and hangar at Kai Tak. A resolution approving of the expenditure in 1932 of \$34,000 on the aerodrome and hangar was taken on December 10 last. \$25,000 was for the aerodrome and the remaining \$9,000 for the hangar. The Air Ministry has now advised us that for civil purposes it is necessary to provide the aerodrome with a surrounding fence. The estimated cost of one of the type recommended by the Ministry is \$25,000. In addition \$4,500 is required for turfing. The \$9,000 voted for the hangar was sufficient for the actual building, but there are certain ancillary works for which funds have not yet been voted."

"The revised estimated expenditure for 1932 in respect of the aerodrome and hangar is now as follows:—

Aerodrome.	
(a) Formation of Reclamation.	4,500
(1) Turfing	2,000
(2) Sundry Works	2,000
(3) Retention Money	2,000
(b) Roads.	
(1) Approach Road to Hangar	2,750
(2) Road North of Aerodrome	20,000
(c) Miscellaneous.	
(1) Fencing	25,000
(2) Telephones	6,650
(3) Small Sundry Works	1,248
(4) Apron (Concrete and Macadam surfacing immediately surrounding hangar)	12,768
(5) Electric Lighting, etc.	14,000
(6) Water Services	6,000
(7) Latrines and Petrol Store	3,750
(8) Paint Work	2,040
(9) Retention Money	7,000
Total Expenditure	\$109,700
Less already voted	34,000
Amount now required to complete	\$75,700

"Hon. Members are no doubt aware that half the cost of the hangar is recoverable from the Air Ministry. \$11,500 has already been paid by them on account in respect of expenditure incurred up to the end of last year. A final claim will be submitted by this Government as soon as the hangar is completed which will, it is anticipated, be before the end of the year. The final instalment of \$30,000 of the total contribution of \$100,000 for the aerodrome has also been paid by the Air Ministry."

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer seconded the motion, after which the expenditure was approved without discussion.

Pensions Bill.
Three bills were then read for the first time on the proposal of the Hon. Attorney-General, seconded by the Hon. Colonial Secretary and passed. They were as follows:—

"A Bill to amend the law relating to the Registration of United Kingdom Patents."

"A Bill to consolidate and amend the law regulating the granting of Pensions, Gratuities and other

allowances in respect of public service."

A Bill to amend the Vagrancy Ordinance, 1897.

In regard to the Pensions Bill, the Hon. Attorney-General said:—

"Sir—I rise to move the First Reading of a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the granting of Pensions, Gratuities and other allowances in respect of public service."

Subject to the proviso, to clause 19 of the bill, this bill repeals the Pensions Ordinances of 1862 and 1928 as well as the Pensions Minutes so far as they effect persons now in the public service and those who enter it hereafter, but the repeal does not affect the pensions of those who have already retired."

Under clause 2 of the Bill public servants entitled to free quarters or rent allowance or Government quarters receive credit therefor in the calculation of their pensionable emoluments."

Clause 3 gives the Governor in Council power to make regulations with the sanction of the Secretary of State. Those regulations when so sanctioned will be read with the Ordinance under which they are made."

Clause 4 directs that the pensions, gratuities and other allowances shall be charged on and paid out of the general revenue and assets of the Colony."

Clause 5 emphasizes the fact that pensions, gratuities and allowances cannot be claimed as of right, or indeed without a certificate of due diligence and fidelity. Public servants guilty of negligence, irregularity or misconduct are liable to have their pensions, gratuities and allowances reduced or altogether withheld."

Clause 6 sets out the services which do not qualify for the privileges conferred by the Bill."

Clause 7 is necessary as Police Pensions are governed by the Police Force Ordinance. Clause 8 gives the conditions as to age, etc., under which persons qualify for the benefits conferred. It will be noticed that with the consent of the Governor, Public servants will be entitled to retire at 50, or without such consent, at 55."

cessation of pensions and allowances on accepting employment in certain companies.

Clause 16 provides for the payment of death gratuities in the case of pensionable officers who die in the service, and Clause 17 provides for marriage gratuities where women retire on or with a view to marriage. Death gratuities will be exempt from Estate Duty and an amendment to make this point clear will be moved in Committee after the Second Reading."

Clause 18 provides for a special widows and orphans pensions in the case of officers killed in the discharge of their duty."

Clause 19 applies the provisions of the Ordinance to all officers still in the service of the Colony or in other public service at its commencement subject to provisions relating to rights acquired under the existing pensions legislation."

As I stated at the beginning of my remarks, the Bill is not intended to affect persons who have already retired."

Members of the Council will find on the table draft regulations to be made under section 3 of the Ordinance. These cannot be brought into force until they have received the sanction of the Secretary of State; but they indicate generally the views of the Government as to the method of calculation and terms on which pensions, gratuities and other allowances will be granted. It will be seen that there are two sets of Regulations."

Regulations B are primarily for those who enter the service after the commencement of the Ordinance. Their pensions will be calculated under regulation 3 at the rate of 1/600th of the pensionable emoluments of an officer in respect of each complete month of his pensionable service. Under the corresponding regulation in Regulations A the calculation is at the rate of 1/720th in respect of each month with a climatic addition of 60/720th, that is to say with a five years' climatic addition. The result will be that persons who retire with more than 25 years' service are more favoured by Regulations B and those who retire with less than 25 years' service will be more favoured by Regulations A. Persons who enter the service in the future are to be governed by Regulations B; but those in the service at the commencement of the Ordinance will be allowed a choice, either to remain under the 1/720th plus climatic addition rule, that is Regulations A, or definitely, to elect to be governed instead by Regulations B, which provide for the 1/600th rule without climatic addition. They are to be given about a year to make up their minds whether to elect or not. I now move the First Reading of the Bill."

Final Readings.
The Hon. Attorney-General then moved the second and third reading of the following bills, which were seconded by the Hon. Colonial Secretary and passed.

A Bill to amend the Vaccination Ordinance, 1923.

A Bill to amend the Employers and Servants Ordinance, 1902.

A Bill to amend the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinance, 1862.

A Bill to amend the law relating to the Registration of Births and Deaths.

A Bill to regulate the employment of Young Persons and Children at sea.

A Bill to amend the Importation and Exportation Ordinance, 1915.

A Bill to amend the United Kingdom Designs (Protection) Ordinance, 1928.

Two Incorporations.
The Hon. Dr. S. W. T'so, O.B.E., LL.D., moved the second and third reading of:—

A Bill to provide for the incorporation of the Directors of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong.

A Bill to provide for the incorporation of St. Stephen's College.

The first bill was seconded by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., and the second by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton both bills being passed."

BERLIN BOURSE
Berlin, May 27.

Although business was extremely slack at the Berlin Bourse to-day, all markets opened and closed firm. Slight advances were recorded in the majority of markets and the general price level at the closing hour was approximately 1.5 points above yesterday's closing price."

Clause 11 provides that an officer's pension shall not exceed two-thirds of his highest pensionable emoluments."

Clause 12 prevents the assignment or attachment of pensions, gratuities and allowances and Clauses 13 and 14 deal with the effect of bankruptcy and criminal conviction on pensions and allowances."

Clause 15 provides for the

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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On demand

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Wire

On demand

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On demand

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On demand

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On demand

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SHARE MARKET.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: In addition to the investment section being in demand, Utilities appear to be also coming into favour now, prices of all of which are being well-maintained.

Sales.
H.K. & K. Wharves, \$145.
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RANCHI	17,000	4th June 4 p.m.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BANGALORE	6,500	11th June 4 p.m.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA	16,000	18th June 4 p.m.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd July 4 p.m.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BHUTAN	6,000	9th July 4 p.m.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July 4 p.m.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	30th July 4 p.m.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	6,800	6th Aug. 4 p.m.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	13th Aug. 4 p.m.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	27th Aug. 4 p.m.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	6,500	3rd Sept. 4 p.m.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
MALWA	11,000	10th Sept. 4 p.m.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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S.S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination.
*TILAWA	10,000	1932. 26th May 8 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALMA	10,000	13th June 8 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SANTHA	8,000	25th June 8 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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S.S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination.
TANDA	7,000	1932. 3rd June 8 p.m.	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
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NELORE	7,000	30th July 8 p.m.	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.

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S.S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination.
*BHUTAN	6,000	1932. 26th May 8 p.m.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*MIRZAPORE	6,700	30th May 8 p.m.	Shanghai, Moli & Kobe.
SANTHA	8,000	2nd June 8 p.m.	Amoy, S'hai, Moli, Kobe & Osaka.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd June 8 p.m.	Shanghai, Moli, Kobe & Yokohama.
INANEIN	7,000	6th June 8 p.m.	S'hai, Moli, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
TAKADA	7,000	16th June 8 p.m.	Amoy, Moli, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th June 8 p.m.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOUDAN	6,500	28th June 8 p.m.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
BIRDHANA	8,000	30th June 8 p.m.	Amoy, S'hai, Moli, Kobe & Osaka.

* Cargo only. † Calls Nagoya.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

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TALES OF NEW SMUGGLERS

"Mystery Ships" & Light Signals from Shore.

Stories of a great increase in the volume of smuggling, and the revival of the old-time gangs, since tariffs came into operation, are being whispered around various parts of the coast, but are officially denied. Strange craft, it is asserted, have been seen leaving silently at night on unknown excursions, and returning as silently two or three hours later at unfrequented parts of the coast.

"Many of the old fishing villages seem to be specially suited to the operations of smugglers," the Evening Standard was informed. "In one favourite resort of the smugglers of former days many of the quaint old streets are so narrow that goods can easily be handed across the street from the upper windows."

"The houses are described as having been specially built for smuggling purposes, and some of the houses are so very weirdly constructed that they would provide a good means of concealing contraband goods."

On Moonless Nights. "Many seafaring men along the coast are puzzled by incidents that are stated to have occurred recently on moonless nights."

"Small craft have been seen approaching the shore and suddenly putting out to sea again after mysterious lights have been exhibited from the shore."

"These lights are believed to have been signals to vessels engaged in smuggling."

"The theory is that small boats put out to sea at night and meet foreign vessels waiting off the coast, and that dutiable goods are then transferred to the boats and landed at a lonely part of the shore some miles away from their point of departure."

"Such a scheme could only be carried out with a proper land organisation co-operating with the boats."

Coastguard Denial. Both the Coastguard Department of the Board of Trade and the Board of Customs and Excise denied knowledge of the reports.

The Coastguard Department is at present putting into operation the recommendations of Admiral Sir George Hope's committee on the Coastguard Service. Important alterations are being made in the position and a number of coastguard stations, and the personnel is actually being reduced in the two districts in which smuggling is alleged to be increasing.

A Customs official said: "We do not think it possible for smuggling to be carried on to any really serious extent nowadays. The coasts are too well watched."

"It might be possible at times to get a limited quantity of goods ashore. The cost of making the entire coastline absolutely foolproof would be colossal."

The additional cost of the Customs and Excise service, due to the change in Britain's fiscal policy, is approximately £500,000 a year.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS

Day	Ship	Tons	From
Wednesday, May 25.	Hong Hwa, British str., 1,924 tons, Capt. H. G. Hay, from Singapore, buoy No. A4.—Ho Thong & Co.	1,924	Singapore
	Hongkeng, British str., 3,976 tons, Capt. D. M. Hood, from Swatow, buoy No. A15.—Ho Thong & Co.	3,976	Swatow
	Kulmerland, German str., 4,366 tons, Capt. Paul Kuttert, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Jebesen & Co.	4,366	Manila
Thursday, May 26.	Bennevis, British str., 3,205 tons, Capt. D. G. Guthbertsen, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—G. Livingston & Co.	3,205	Singapore
	Canton, French str., 978 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. B16.—M.M. & Co.	978	Haiphong
	Changchow, British str., 1,203 tons, Captain L. Rowe, from Amoy, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.	1,203	Amoy
	Fooshing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. A. B. Osmond, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J.M. & Co.	1,423	Canton
	Gustav Diederichsen, Danish str., 1,352 tons, Capt. J. Jacobsen, from Hoihow, buoy No. B5.—Jebesen & Co.	1,352	Hoihow
	Hakusan Maru, Japanese str., 6,270 tons, Capt. J. Tsugi, from Singapore, buoy No. A2.—N.Y.K.	6,270	Singapore
	Henrik, Norwegian str., 761 tons, Capt. J. Jorgensen, from Canton, buoy No. C8.—Kwong Mow Tai.	761	Canton
	Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons, Captain J. H. Hodgkiss, from Canton, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.	1,572	Canton
	Michael Jensen, Danish str., 1,342 tons, Capt. F. Thaysen, from Hoihow, buoy No. B8.—Shin Seng Hong.	1,342	Hoihow
	Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Captain S. M. Barling, from Swatow, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.	1,594	Swatow
	Tai Lee, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. F. Masaki, from Dairen, buoy No. C2.—Loong Tai Hong.	1,044	Dairen
	Tamara, Swedish str., 3,834 tons, Capt. C. H. Armstedt, from Manila, Holt's Wharf.—Gilman & Co.	3,834	Manila
	Tsang Woo, Chinese str., 1,049 tons, Capt. E. Larsen, from Saigon, buoy No. B12.—Nam Tai Loong.	1,049	Saigon
	Unita, Norwegian str., 3,586 tons, Capt. Messel, from Canton, Stonecutters Anchorage.—Doddwell & Co.	3,586	Canton

CLEARANCES.

Thursday, May 26.

Buccinum, for Balikpapan. Changchow, for Canton. Gustav Diederichsen, for Swatow. Hakusan Maru, for Shanghai. Hangsang, for Canton. Hong Hwa, for Swatow. Hydrangea, for Swatow. Lushan, for Canton. Marsessa, for Minli. Minnie Moller, for Canton. Phasiarella, for Takao. Pong Tong, for Saigon. Tapti, for Keelung.

PROPOSED LIGHT CRUISERS

SUPPORT FROM AN ENGINEER REAR-ADMIRAL.

Engineer Rear-Admiral Hugh S. Garwood writes to the Morning Post as follows: Arising out of your Naval Correspondent's plan for a new Navy, apart from seeing the necessity of using coal as the future fuel, I am of opinion that the usefulness of the proposed small cruiser cannot be overestimated.

Whereas the Torpedo Boat Destroyer was the off shoot of the Torpedo Boat and designed mainly for high-speed Torpedo attack, its duties during the last war were mainly in patrol convoy, and screening of fleets, where great speed was hardly a necessity. Their small radius of action and not too good sea qualities created many difficulties.

As aeroplanes have in part taken on the duties of attack by torpedo, the work of the T.B.D. must be lessened in this respect. Although I am not advocating the abolition of the fast T.B.D., it must be generally agreed that such a small cruiser as suggested would be far better able to carry out the majority of the work performed by the T.B.D.s during the last war.

HARBOUR OFFICE.

Good Freight Figures Yesterday.

The Harbour Office Reports for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m. yesterday gave a free movement of vessels with a low tonnage. Freights were up to the mark, both the inwards and throughs reaching five figures. The total tonnage entered was 28,045.

There were 13 inward registries, of which seven were British and three of four figures, while of the 10 throughs, nine were British and four of four figures. One vessel arrived in ballast.

Passengers entered during the period included 30 Europeans and 2,090 Asiatic deck, British vessels carrying 2,011 out of the total in all classes.

Details follow:—

Nationality	Arr.	H'Kong	Dep.	Through
		Cargo	Cargo	Cargo
		Tons	Tons	Tons
British	10	2,404	9	10,858
Danish	1	2,845	—	—
French	1	690	—	—
Norwegian	1	3,100	1	—
Portuguese	1	290	—	—
Japanese	2	899	—	—
Chinese	1	150	1	950
Dutch	—	—	2	—
American	—	—	1	—
Totals	17	10,288	14	11,808

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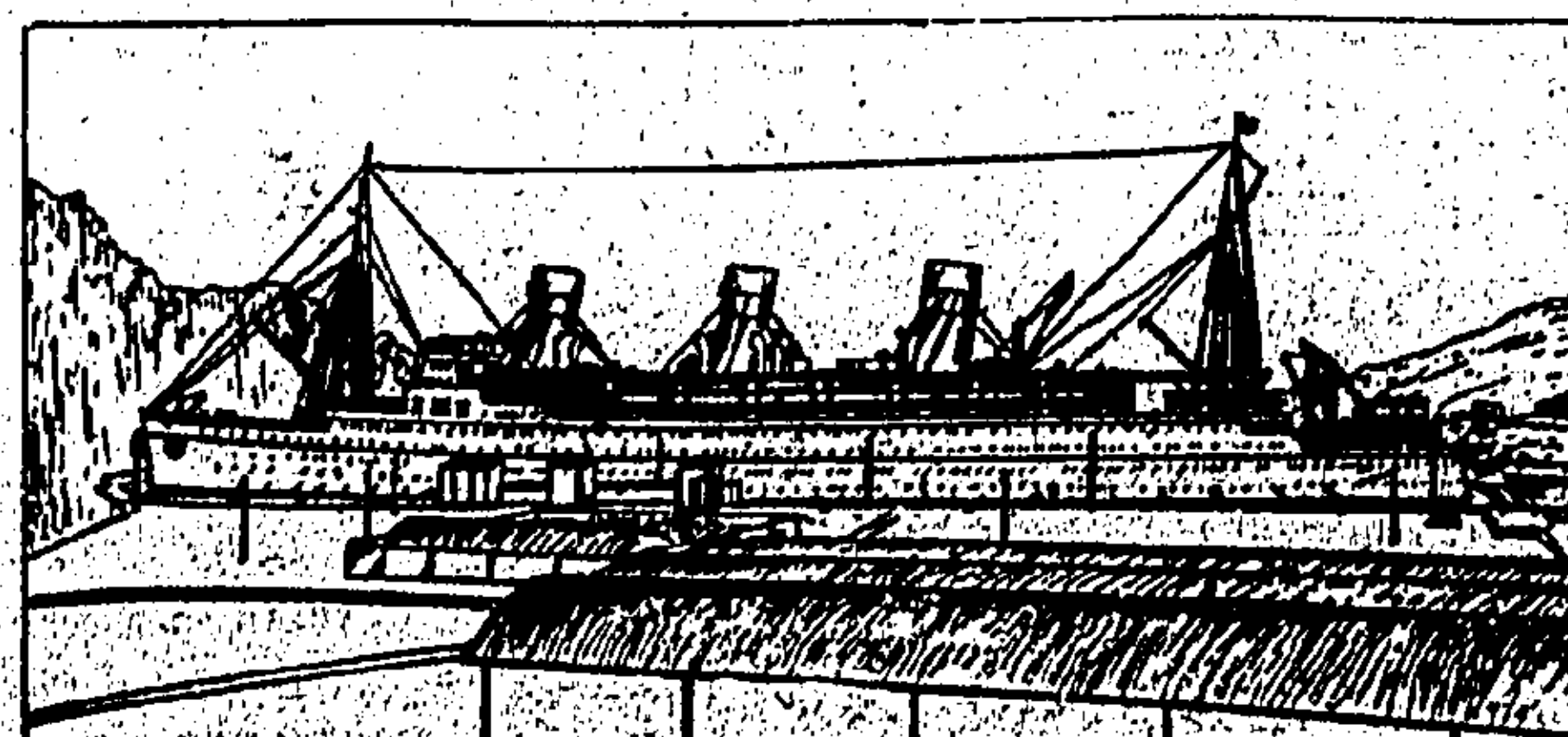
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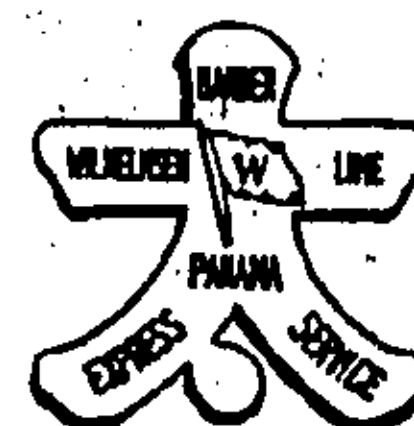
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"The Leviathan," said Mr. Winchester, "has been undergoing her annual overhaul, and it was never the intention to withdraw the ship permanently from service. This is the slack period, of which advantage is taken to effect improvements in accommodation, etc. When she leaves New York for the first voyage of the year, we expect to have a very full complement of passengers and cargo, and we will be ready to receive any further business."

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120° E. 31. 000 is midnight, 12.00 is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

May 27 to June 2, 1932.

Date	High Water	Low Water
	Standard H.L.	Standard H.L.
	Time	Time
Fri. 27	05 20 44 07 46 45	13 24 61 22 06 14
Sat. 28	06 04 45 08 44 41	14 55 54 23 30 12
Sun. 29	06 54 45 10 08 37	16 12 47 25 02 10
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"THE MIRACLE MAN."—A GREAT SHOW.

In "The Last Parade" (which is the march to the death-house) the underworld flourishes. The story begins during the Great War, where a strong friendship is cemented between two soldiers, one a detective, and the other a reporter. Tom Moore is the former, and Jack Holt the latter. Then there is the nurse, Constance Cummings, the brother Gaylord Pendleton, and the menace, Robert Ellis. It is fast moving, tragic, human and stirring. The acting all round is grand, and Jack Holt has never done a better piece of work. Don't expect comedy, you will find a sordid drama, but satisfyingly strong. (Central).

"The Middle Watch."

Do you remember Jacqueline Logan as Mary Magdalene in "The King of Kings"? She did not do too well in Hollywood, moved to London and the stage. Took to the screen again, helped in the writing and direction and has more than come into her own in her adopted country. She takes the part of the American girl who loves Owen Nares in the British production "The Middle Watch," the play which is set on a battleship, from the pens of Ian Hay and Stephen King-Hall. Dodo Watts, Frederick Volpe and Jack Raine help along the amusing comedy. (Queen's).

"The Black Camel." Another good movie mystery in which the suave and shrewd Charlie Chan (Warner Oland) unravels the strange circumstances surrounding the murder of a picture star. Sally Eilers, Dorothy Revier, Bella Lugosi and the star are excellent. The film was made in Honolulu, and its great for the hot weather. See it at King's.

"Cock O' the Air." Billie Dove emerges as a Parisian beauty and Chester Morris helps along in the slap-stick and rather risqué comedy "Cock O' the Air." Coming to Central.

In "Suicide Fleet" we have three pals who join the navy, wise-cracking and pranking till duty calls, then we find them heroes. Bill Boyd, Jimmy Gleason and Bob Armstrong with Ginger Rogers make it fairly impressive. Coming to Central.

"Private Lives."

You will read the criticisms throughout the world and find they are unanimous about Noel Coward's "Private Lives" being one of the most sparkling comedies. It ran, with Gertrude Lawrence in the leading part for some years on Broadway. Now we see the Talkie version with Norma Shearer and Robert Montgomery in the only roles that mean anything. If you care to see at least seven reels wherein these two kins, quarrel, make it all up, then start again to do exactly the same thing, you will find the reason for the world-wide success of this play. I merely sat and wondered on what subject they would next start in order to quarrel. If Mr. Coward wrote this play with the intention of showing us HOW supposedly well-bred rich society people behave in their private lives, he succeeded in making two people appear to me as extremely ill-bred, and as "Elyot" expressed it at the end after the final bout—"worthy of a fish-wife." "Amanda" appeared as a spoilt, badly behaved peacock.

I failed to find most of the charm and beauty I always associate with Miss Shearer, and personally I prefer her in drama. Mr. Montgomery has the true gift of comedy. Their acting is admirably perfect, but the dialogue varied more than once on the subject, and I cannot quite see where the brilliance comes in.

They kiss in public and in private, they quarrel in public and in private. The plot calls for some amusing situations no doubt, the divorced couple meeting on the night they have both taken on new life partners.

Reginald Denny and Una Merkel made fleeting appearances. The former priggish and angry, the latter in a state of semi-hysterics, but both do their best with most trying parts. Douglas, the brother is responsible, as usual for the perfect recording. Adrian for the gowns, (Nothing, I saw was startling) and Sydney Franklin for the direction. Put over in the usual first-rate manner by M.G.M. I forgot to mention that Norma sings a theme song. You may like her voice. (Queen's).

"Oh For a Man."

"Oh for a Man," a delightful comedy with Jeanette MacDonald revelling in the fun, and Reginald Denny the burglar who marries the Opera star. Not a great film but certainly recommended. (King's).

"Secrets of a Secretary."

In "Secrets of a Secretary" Claudette Colbert is the pampered daughter of a millionaire who marries a gigolo in a mad prank. Father loses money and the daughter is forced to become the social secretary of rich friends. There is a murder and sacrifice on the part of heroine, but in the end she captures the British lord, so does not do too badly. Herbert Marshall, London's famous actor, (husband of Edna Best) with Miss Colbert, make this, not too uncommon story, of real interest. George Metaxa the Roumanian singer, who captured the fancy of London, has his first film part as the gigolo. I do not like his face, his voice nor his acting. Mary Boland and Betty Lawford both from the stage are pleasing in beastly parts. Marshall has charm, and Miss Colbert who is one of the best of the younger group of actresses is always delightful. One day I hope to see her in a part more worthy of her talent. (King's).

"The Bad One."

"Blackmail," the first British Talkie, and according to those who know, still amongst the best turned out by B. I. P. Donald Calthrop goes in it. This is followed by Dolores del Rio and Edmund Lowe in "The Bad One," then Bill Haines in "A Man's Man," and the fine show we had recently at the Queen's called "Danger, Lights," with the late Louis Wolheim, Bob Armstrong and Jean Arthur, in an exciting story about "The Iron Horse." All due at the Star.

"Possessed."

In "Possessed" we have Clark Gable as a worldly politician, and he will surprise those who think he can only play gangster roles. Joan Crawford is better than she has been for a long time. There is a smooth talk, luxury, and even if the story is a little shop-worn the two stars put over grand performances. Then also, Helen Hayes in the story that out-does "Madame X" for mother-love sacrifice stuff. "The Sin of Madelon Claudot," with Lewis Stone and Nell Hamilton. Both coming to the Queen's.

"Heartbreak."

Coming to the King's "Heartbreak" with Charles Farrell and Madge Evans in a story with a war background, but not a war picture. Madge Evans is proving herself an actress of great depth and is really lovely. Then the long-awaited Talkie version of "The Miracle Man." Do you remember it about thirteen years ago at the old Coronet? Chester Morris, Sylvia Sydney, with a huge cast make it a success, but I hear it is not as great a show as the original which gave us Lon Chaney, Betty Compson and Thomas Meighan.

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

I HEAR THAT—

Jack Pickford has been divorced by wife No. 3, the ex-follies girl, Anne Dvorak. (Mrs. Leslie Fenton) is being acclaimed as the new sensational find, her work in "Scarface" is great.

The Astor Box-office is completely sold out for weeks ahead, an unusual occurrence for New York. Crowds are fighting their way to see "Grand Hotel". Among the names I noticed in Broadway productions are Dorothy Gish, Edna Best, Herbert Marshall, Helen Hayes, Helen Chandler, Cecilia Loftus, Lois Moran, Leslie Howard, Lawrence Gray, Ed Wynn, Victor Moore, Madge Kennedy, (old-timer) O. P. Heggie, James Rennie, Basil Rathbone, Adrienne Allen, Phoebe Foster, Mary Boland, Frank Fay, Barbara Stanwyck, Paul Muni, J. Harold Murray, Constance Collier. Proves that the story about the slump in Hollywood is true. Marjorie Rambeau has had to pay \$40,000 to the wife of one of her leading men who claimed Marjorie stole his affections. Miss Rambeau has now retired from the screen and happily married to husband No. 4.

Every four minutes you are watching a picture constitutes an entire day's work by scores and sometimes hundreds of persons. The longest day's work will result, approximately in about eight and a half minutes screen entertainment.

Rouben Mamoulian is directing Chevalier and Macdonald in "Love Me To-night."

Kay Johnson, the wife of the well-known director John Cromwell, will return to the screen. She has recently had an operation and her nose lessened.

Years ago when Adele Blood played "Anna Christie" locally, her leading man was Bernard Nedell. He is now one of the most successful actor-managers in London, and has recently produced "See Naples and Die." He is also highly popular in the British films. Winifred Shotter will play the lead opposite Jack Hulbert in "Jack's Boy."

Marie Dressler, on waking every morning says—"I'm a lucky old devil" and that simple maxim keeps her going even though she has been of late a very sick woman.

AMONG PIRATES
AND LEPERSInteresting Lecture by
the Rev. J. Lake.

"With Pirates and Lepers on a Pirate Island" was the subject of the address given at yesterday's luncheon of the Y's Men's Club by the Rev. John Lake, organizer of the Tai Kam Leper Home, near Macao.

The meeting, which was attended by many members and friends, was held at the Lane, Crawford restaurant under the Chairmanship of Mr. Tan Eng-hooi. A visitor was Dr. W. S. New of Shanghai, who directed the Red Cross work during the Sino-Japanese conflict in Shanghai. Mr. Lake prefaced his remarks by saying that three outstanding names in work for lepers in China were Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Dr. Wu Ting-fang, and Mr. Tang Shao-yi, who in 1921, made possible the acquisition by a Chinese committee of Tai Kam Island as a leper colony.

Many converts. Tai Kam Island, which was 80 miles from Hong Kong and 40 miles from Macao, Mr. Lake said, was a "Paradise" of an island, and a pirate island! Those waters to the south-west of Hong Kong were like the waters around Blas Bay "where every prospect pleases and only man is vile."

Mr. Lake concluded by speaking of the medical treatment of lepers, and stated that a male nurse, once a leper, but since cured is sailing for Canada and the United States by the President Lincoln on June 7.

FUNDS FOR "VOLUNTEERS"

Shanghai, Yesterday. A nation-wide appeal for funds to support "Volunteers" in Manchuria has been issued by the Federation of National Salvation Associations in a circular telegram.

The Federation also appeals for propaganda aiming at moral support for the "Volunteers."—Reuter.

A YEARLY BATH

India's Aga Khan, spiritual head of the Ismaili sect, is said to have taken a yearly bath in Bombay. The water he uses is said to be the water of the Ganges, which is brought to him by a special messenger.

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Mutton Chop	牛尾	lb.	60	26	—				
" Leg	牛尾	lb.	60	26	—				
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" Heart	牛尾	lb.	15	10	8				
" Kidneys	牛尾	lb.	58	80	24				
" Liver	牛尾	lb.	38	25	28				
Pork Chop	牛尾	lb.	40	—	—				
" Leg	牛尾	lb.	44	60	70				
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Sheep's Head & Feet	牛尾	each	12	8	7				
" Heart	牛尾	lb.	15	12	10				
" Kidneys	牛尾	lb.	45	26	25				
" Liver	牛尾	lb.	25	25	22				
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Suet, Beef	牛尾	lb.	55	26	26				
" Mutton	牛尾	lb.	45	20	20				
Veal	牛尾	lb.	28	—	—				
" Sausages	牛尾	lb.	38	—	—				
No. 1									
Fish.									
Barbel	魚	lb.	35	16	24				
Bream	魚	lb.	32	20	16				
Canton Fresh Water	魚	lb.	32	—	—				
Carp	魚	lb.	34	18	16				
Catfish	魚	lb.	32	16	27				
Codfish	魚	lb.	35	12	9				
Crabs	魚	lb.	50	16	24				
Cuttle Fish	魚	lb.	20	22	28				
Dab	魚	lb.	26	18	27				
Dace	魚	lb.	46	23	16				
Dog Fish	魚	lb.	20	10	—				
Eels, Conger	魚	lb.	88	10	8				
" Fresh Water	魚	lb.	72	16	—				
" Yellow	魚	lb.	42	10	8				
Frogs	魚	lb.	65	26	80				
Garoupa	魚	lb.	72	32	25				
Gudgeon	魚	lb.	20	40	30				
Herrings	魚	lb.	26	22	13				
Hallbut	魚	lb.	34	13	23				
Labrus	魚	lb.	38	18	15				
Loach	魚	lb.	76	22	13				
Lobsters	魚	lb.	56	82	24				
Mackerel	魚	lb.	41	32	21				
Monk Fish	魚	lb.	46	20	20				
Mullet	魚	lb.	36	13	2				
Oysters	魚	lb.	44	12	2				
Parrot Fish	魚	lb.	24	14	9				
Perch	魚	lb.	22	80	15				
Pike	魚	lb.	42	16	9				
Plaice	魚	lb.	48	36	29				
Pomfret, White	魚	lb.	45	38	30				
Pomfret, Black	魚	lb.	35	36	45				
Prawns	魚	lb.	80	10	14				
Ray	魚	lb.	24	10	14				
Rock Fish	魚	lb.	26	18	12				
Roach	魚	lb.	38	22	10				
Salmon	魚	lb.	45	88	30				
Shark	魚	lb.	20	8	10				
Skate	魚	lb.	20	10	10				
Shrimps	魚	lb.	64	38	30				
Snapper	魚	lb.	40	33	30				
Soles	魚	lb.	45	22	28				
Tench	魚	lb.	40	20	58				
Turbot	魚	lb.	38	12	12				
Turtles, small fr. water	魚	lb.	1.80	12	12				

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		Cts. Cts. Cts.				Cts. Cts. Cts.			
Poultry.									
Chicken	雞	lb.	60	30	31				
Capons, Small	雞	lb.	60	28	30				
Capons, Large	雞	lb.	64	28	30				
Duck	鴨	lb.	45	22	21				
Doves	鴿	each	—	22	21				
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	86	18	—				
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	雞蛋	per doz.	38	25	20				
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	72	36	24				
Fowls, Hainan	雞	lb.	58	35	24				
Geese	鴨	lb.	48	24	24				
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	45	60	—				
" Hoihow	鴿	each	38	39	—				
Turkeys, Cock	火雞	lb.	75	—	—				
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	lb.	70	61	45				
Snipe	沙山鴉	each	30	—	—				
Pheasant	沙山鴉	pair	2.80	—	—				
Quail	沙山鴉	each	50	—	—				
Partridges	沙山鴉	—	1.20	—	—				
Fruits.									
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	1.20	25	—				
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	—	24	38	—				
Bananas (bride's)	西山香蕉	—	8	4	—				
Carambola	楊桃	—	12	—	—				
Cocanuts	椰子	each	14	10	10				
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	14	25	30				
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	12	8	—				
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	1.00	25	30				
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	—	38	—	—				
Oranges	橙	—	24	—	15				
Pears (Canton)	梨	—	36	—	—				
Peanuts	花生	—	14	10	12				
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	—	12	—	—				
Plaintain	大蕉	—	8	—	—				
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	18	12	6				
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	30	—	10				
Grapes	葡萄	—	60	—	—				
Vegetables, Etc.									
Artichokes	鴨芝	each	18	—	2				
Beans, Sprout	竹葉角	lb.	6	—	7				
" Long	長豆	—	—	—	8				
Beet Root	紅甘藍	—	10	—	—				
Bitter Squash	苦瓠	—	8	24	—				
Brinjals, Green	青茄	—	8	5	8				
" Red	紅茄	—	6	5	8				
Cabbage, Chinese	紅芥菜	—	10	—	—				
" (Shanghai)	上海菜	—	12	12	—				
Cane Shoots, bunch	藤	—	4	—	—				
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	—	—	—				
" (Medium)	中椰菜花	—	—	—	—				
" (Small)	細椰菜花	—	6	6	6				
Carrots	金麥菜	lb.	6	5	6				
Celery, Chinese	美萊菜	—	12	10	6				
Chillies, Dried	辣椒	—	18	35	5				
" Red	紅辣椒	—	60	10	10				
" Green	青辣椒	—	30	8	18				
Curry Stuf, English	印度材料	—	10	8	—				
Cucumbers	青瓜	—	2	—	—				
Garlic	蒜	—	6	6	—				
Ginger, Young	蔞子	—	10	7	—				
" Old	老蔞	—	8	20	—				
Horseradish, Shanghai	光麥	each	60	8	4				
Indian Corn	粟	lb.	8	45	—				
Lettuce	生菜	lb.	6	1	—				
Water Chestnuts	鴨脚	—	12	—	8				
" Mandarin	桂林	—	14	—	8				
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草	—	—	—	—				
Okroes	鮮草	—	1	10	—				
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	—	10	8	8				
" Green	生蔥	—	6	4	6				
" Shanghai	上海蔥	—	8	6	—				
Parley	芹	—	35	60	8				
Potato, Sweet	番薯	—	5	8	—				
" Japanese	日本薯仔	—	5	8	—				
" American	金山薯仔	—	8	8	—				
Pumpkin	冬瓜	—	5	4	4				
Radish	紅蘿蔔	—	—	—	—				
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大紅菜	—	30	—	10				
Shallots	葱	—	8	—	8				
Spinach	芥藍	—	8	8	—				
Tomatoes	番茄	—	12	4	—				
Taro	芋	—	8	7	—				
Turnips, Punt (Long)	馬蹄	—	8	6	—				
Vegetable Marrow	馬瓜	—	—	4	—				
Water Cress	西蘭花	—	15	15	—				
Water Lily Root	西蘭花	—	8	15	—				

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TO HANG**

Sentences of death will be passed by the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) on Monday, on Cheung Tsze-san and Cheung Sau-fu, two of the three men found guilty of the murder of the young student named Tsang Tai-kai at Victoria Gap on February 18.

These two men's fate was sealed in the Full Court yesterday morning, when, after hearing argument by their counsel, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, that there was insufficient evidence to go to the Jury, their Lordships decided that the convictions must stand.

The Full Court was composed of the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph H. Judge (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) who was the trial Judge, and following the Court's decision it was announced yesterday afternoon that the April Assizes will resume at noon on Monday, when the last chapter in a long drawn out trial will be closed.

One Man Sentenced.
The third man to be convicted at the same murder was Cheung Man, who was defended by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at the trial, and he was sentenced to death by the Puisne Judge on May 14 immediately after the Jury had returned unanimous verdicts of guilty of murder against all three. His Lordship then postponed sentence on Cheung Tsze-san and Cheung Sau-fu because he had reserved for argument the point raised by their counsel as to the sufficiency of evidence.

A Fourth Man Acquitted.
A fourth man to be charged with the murder of Tsang Tai-kai was Cheung Lu-wah who was tried separately from the others and caused a sensation by insisting in pleading guilty.

On the intervention of his counsel (Mr. Somerset Fitzroy), however, his Lordship did not accept the plea, and the accused stood his trial and was acquitted, the Jury returning a unanimous verdict of not guilty of murder, and a 4-3 verdict of not guilty of manslaughter.

Cheung Lu-wah was tried separately because of certain statements which he was alleged to have made following his arrest, and the Puisne Judge deemed it advisable, in the interest of justice, to hear the case against him first.

Gets Life Sentence.
Subsequently Cheung Lu-wah appeared a second time before Mr. Justice Wood on a charge of causing a letter to be delivered at Shaikwan demanding with menaces the sum of \$10,000 as ransom money from the murdered youth's father. He claimed trial on this charge and after evidence had been heard the Jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty and his Lordship passed sentence of imprisonment for life.

A Letter to the Press.
In the course of his argument on behalf of Cheung Tsze-san and Cheung Sau-fu in the Full Court, Mr. Somerset-Fitzroy made reference to the acquittal of Cheung Lu-wah on practically the same evidence, and made strong comment on a letter which appeared in a morning newspaper following Cheung Lu-wah's discharge on the indictment of murder.

Counsel pointed out that the letter referred to murderers being allowed to be at large and claimed that even if Cheung Lu-wah were not guilty of the actual murder he was guilty as an accessory before or after the fact.

"Open to Criminal Libel."
Mr. Fitzroy commented that if Cheung Lu-wah were a man with money an action for criminal libel could have been started at once. The Full Court's decision, which was short, was read by the Chief Justice yesterday morning as follows:—

"We hold that there was, in each case, sufficient evidence to go to the Jury on which they could have reasonably found a verdict of guilty of murder. That being so, the convictions will stand."

BRITISH MINERS' WAGES

No Reduction For At Least A Year.

PROVISIONS OF THE NEW LOCAL BILL

Scheme for Regulation of Production.

London, Yesterday. The Government's Coal Bill, which was introduced in the House of Commons to-day, provides for schemes regulating the production, supply and sale of coal for five years, and establishes a seven and a half hour day. The Bill does not contain statutory protection for miners' wages, but the Government have secured guarantees from owners that the present wages will be maintained for at least a year.—Reuter.

AID FOR WHEAT INDUSTRY

British Commission to Be Appointed.

LORD PEEL AS CHAIRMAN

London, Yesterday. The Minister of Agriculture, Sir John Gilmour, informed the House of Commons to-day that the Secretary for Scotland, the Home Secretary and himself, acting jointly, were about to appoint a Wheat Commission with Lord Peel as Chairman. It would include representatives of growers of home-grown millable wheat, millers, importers and flour users.—British Wireless Service.

GAMBLING LAWS IN ENGLAND

Royal Commission to Investigate.

London, Yesterday. The Home Secretary, Sir Herbert Samuel, announced in the House of Commons to-day that H.M. the King had approved the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the existing law and practice thereunder relating to lotteries, betting, gambling and cognate matters and to report what changes, if any, are desirable and practicable.

Sir Sidney Rowlett, King's Counsel, will be Chairman of the Commission, which consists of 10 men and two women members.—British Wireless Service. Sir Sidney Rowlett has been Judge of the High Court in the King's Bench Division since 1912, prior to which he was a Junior Counsel to the Treasury.

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